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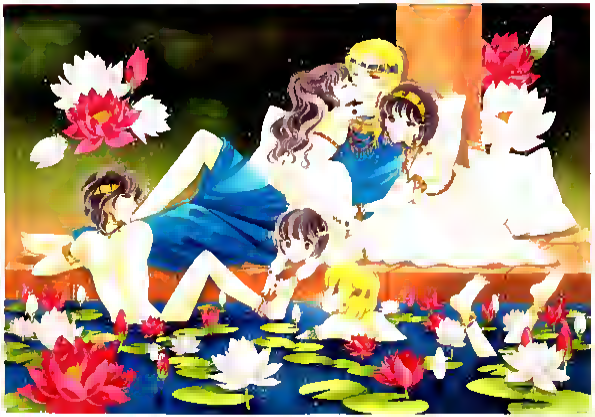

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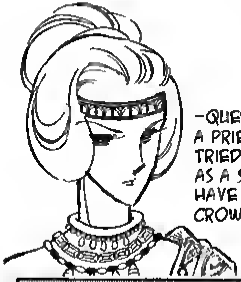
~ Summary Up Until Now ~

- Yuri is a very normal junior high student. In the middle of a date, she was suddenly pulled into a puddle of water.
- When she woke up, she was in an ancient Hittite empire. By Nakia's magic, she crossed over space time and was brought as a sacrifice.
- Yuri, who's life Nakia was after, was saved from danger by Prince Kail and given shelter in the palace as a concubine.
- Nakia, who wanted her own son Juda to be Emperor, was insistently after Yuri and Kail's lives.
- Before long, Yuri and Kail fell in love. Kail was crowned as Emperor and Yuri, who demonstrated unimaginable strength in the battlefield, was appointed Gal Meshedi

おもな登場人物

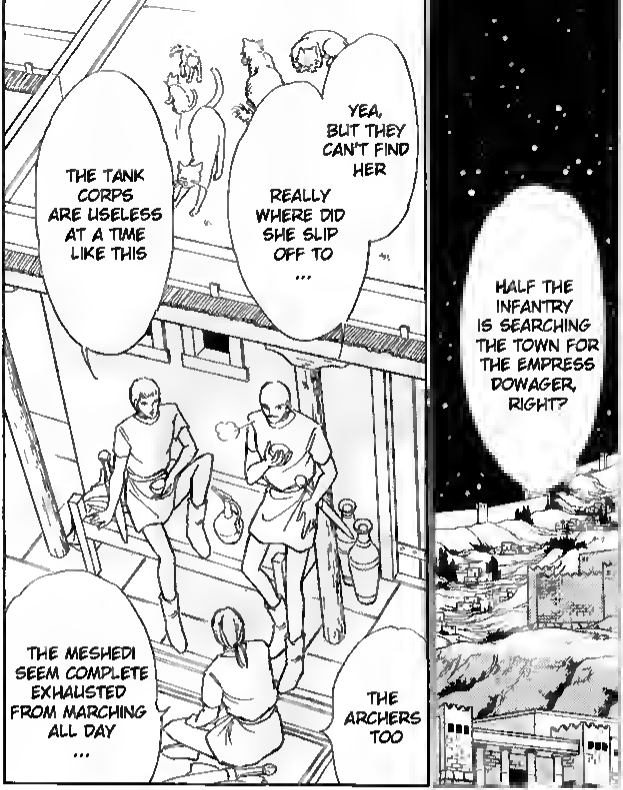
-KAIL-
EMPEROR OF THE HITTITE EMPIRE, ALSO HOLDS THE POSITION OF PRIEST

-YURI-
A NORMAL 3RD YEAR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT WHO WAS BROUGHT TO ANCIENT TURKEY (HITTITE)



-QUEEN NAKIA-
A PRIESTESS, TRIED TO USE YURI AS A SACRIFICE TO HAVE HER SON CROWNED

- Yuri, who was pregnant Kail's child, had a miscarriage while departing for the front in Egypt because of Nakia's plot, but was protected by General Ramses. There, she obtained evidence of Nakia's betrayal against Egypt and escaped.
- Hittite was victorious in their final battle against Egypt because of Yuri's actions, and the Congress of Elder Statesmen met to decide Nakia's punishment. The result was that Nakia was overthrown and imprisoned for life.
- To fill the vacant position of Tawananna, it was decided that Yuri would become Kail's consort.
- However, Nakia escaped. Nakia has taken an interest in Yuri's clothes as a weapon to vanquish her. Where is Nakia now...?!


HALF THE INFANTRY IS SEARCHING THE TOWN FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, RIGHT?
YEA, BUT THEY CAN'T FIND HER
REALLY WHERE DID SHE SLIP OFF TO ...
THE TANK CORPS ARE USELESS AT A TIME LIKE THIS
THE ARCHERS TOO
THE MESHEDI SEEM COMPLETE EXHAUSTED FROM MARCHING ALL DAY ...
cough

YEA PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO OR SOMETHING
OH, THAT! IT SEEMS SERIOUS!
BY THE WAY IS IT TRUE THAT GENERAL RAMSES'S SISTER HAS COME STALKING RUSAFA, THE VICE CHIEF OF THE INFANTRY?
WHAT? WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW ...
GOOD EVENING THREE COMMANDING OFFICERS TOGETHER IS JUST PERFECT ...
P-PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO!!
SPIN

WHEN I WENT TO YURI'S OFFICE
I HEARD THAT RUSAFA RETURNED TO THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TO TAKE A NAP
OH?
ARE WOMEN PROHIBITED IN THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCES OF HIGH RANKING OFFICERS IN HITTITE?
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NOW THEN
WHERE IS RUSAFA'S HOUSE?
THANKS
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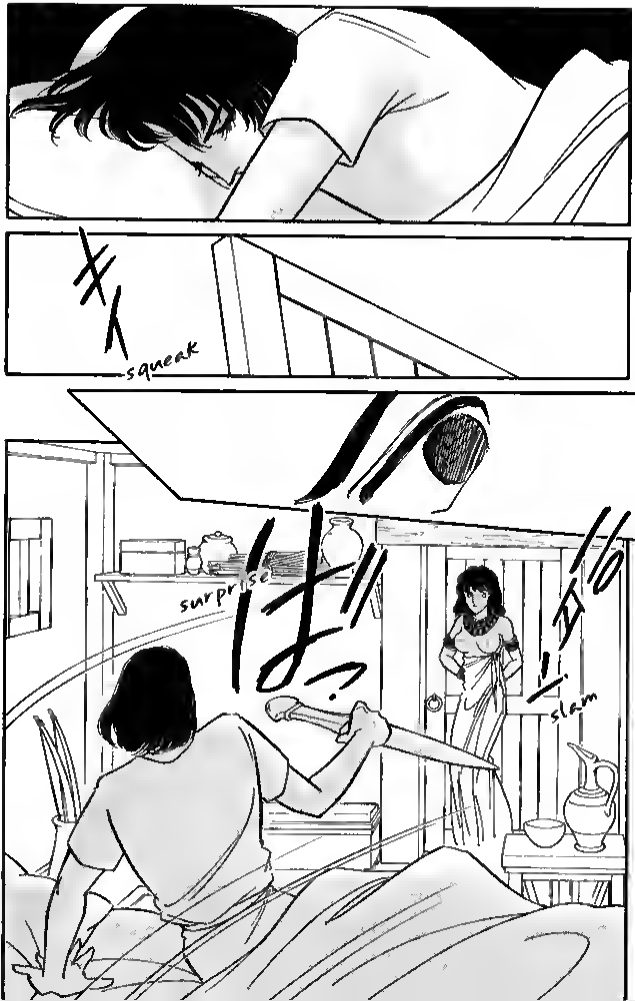

squeak
surprise
slam

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
P-PRINCESS NEPHERUTO !!
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!" IS AWFUL TO SAY ....
"WHAT DID YOU COME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR?" IS WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID
WHAT I SHOULD HAVE SAID IS THAT I DON'T LIKE THIS KIND OF JOKE
PRINCESS!

THIS ISN'T A JOKE!!
YOU THINK I CAME ALL THE WAY TO HATTUSA FROM EGYPT AS A JOKE?!
I'VE SAID IT BEFORE HAVEN'T I, OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN MILITARISTIC FOR GENERATIONS! I ALSO LIKE STRONG MEN!
I'VE COME ALL THE WAY HERE BECAUSE I LIKE YOU!!

P... PRINCESS, CALM DOWN...!
FIRST OF ALL, GENERAL RAMSES PROBABLY WOULDN'T ALLOW THIS
I AM CALM
AND HE SAID IT WAS ALRIGHT BECAUSE IT'S YOU

Squeeze
I KNOW YOU CAN'T FORGET ABOUT YURI
IF YOU BE QUIET AND JUST KEEP IT INSIDE YOUR HEART, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH
I JUST WANT TO LOVE YOU, NOT AS A GODDESS, BUT A MORTAL WOMAN
I'M NOT SAYING TO FORGET

N... NO
I CAN'T!
OH? YOUR BODY SURE SEEMS LIKE IT CAN ...
THAT'S JUST BECAUSE I'M A MORTAL MAN!
...
HOWEVER THIS IS NO DIFFERENT THAN A DISTRACTION FROM THE HAREM
THIS WAY ISN'T GOOD WITH YOU
SMIRK
ニヤッ

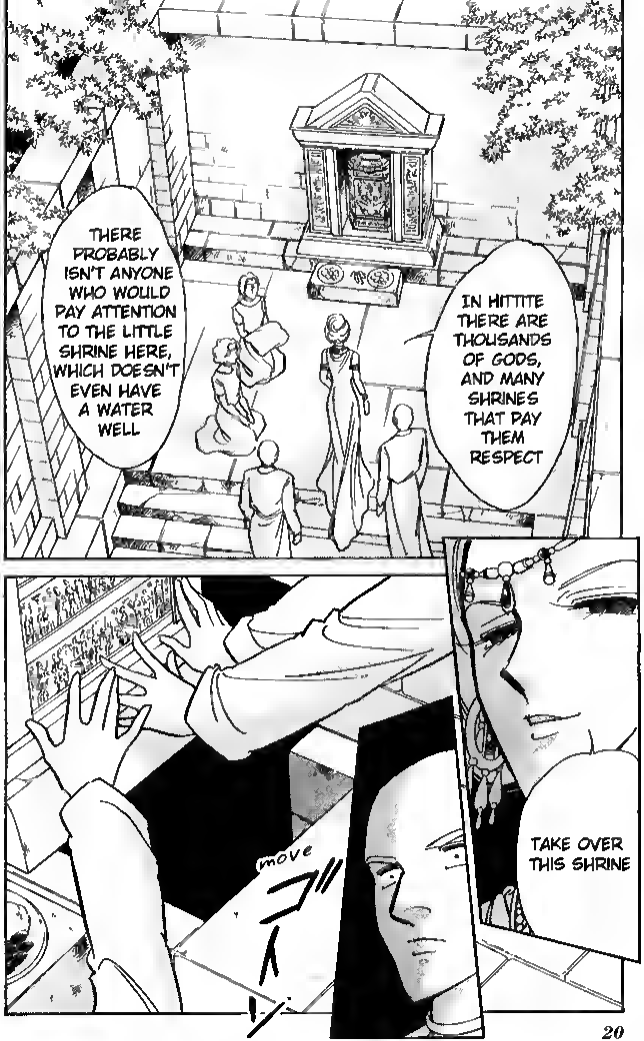
I WON'T SEND YOU OFF, BUT I CAN TAKE YOU BACK TO THE RECEPTION HALL
I...I
NO, I HAVE TO RETURN TO MY MISSION
AS I THOUGHT, YOU LIKE IT RUSAFA!
I'LL WAIT ...
NOT TO DISTRACT YOU, BUT FOR YOU TO HOLD ME

THE STATIONS OF THE SOLIDERS WILL BE THE SIX FOUNTAINS IN HATTUSA!
THE MAIN TEMPLE AND THE MANSIONS OF THE ARISTOCRATS DRAW THEIR WATER FROM TWO OF THOSE SPRINGS
PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE DEFENSE THERE TOO
ALSO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN MANIPULATE PEOPLE USING "BLACK WATER" PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

HAVE YOU SEIZED ALL SIX OF THE WATERWAYS?
YES, AND WE WILL SOON CAPTURE THE FOUNTAIN WHICH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS AT
WE'VE SPREAD OUT THE SOLDIERS WELL
IS THAT REALLY SO?
YURI-SAMA!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS ORIGINALLY A PRIESTESS WHO USES WATER, RIGHT?
THERE ARE PROBABLY WATERWAYS THAT ONLY SHE KNOWS ABOUT

THEN IT'S GOOD THAT WE'RE JUST POOR NOBLES, ISN'T IT
THE TRAITOROUS EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS PROBABLY RUN OFF TO A RICH ARISTOCRAT'S MANSION
SEARCH EVERY FOUNTAIN AGAIN!!
RUFUSA, INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS IN THE CITY
YES, ILBANI-SAMA!
YES REALLY ... WELL I'M OFF
YOUR PLACE IS JUST A SMALL TEMPLE, SO IT'S SAFE, RIGHT
ONCE AGAIN, BE CAREFUL TO CLOSE UP PROPERLY
I HAVE RETURNED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS ...
HOW IS THE CITY?
THERE ARE SOLDIERS IN THE CITY, BUT
IT SEEMS THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS AREA IS OVER
IT'S THAT SO, THEN LET'S GO
COME ALONG


THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYONE WHO WOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE LITTLE SHRINE HERE, WHICH DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A WATER WELL
IN HITTITE THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF GODS, AND MANY SHRINES THAT PAY THEM RESPECT
move
TAKE OVER THIS SHRINE

YOU BRING THAT AND COME ALONG
ONE OF YOU STAY HERE AS A LOOKOUT
ACT LIKE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED
ONCE WE'VE ENTERED, BEHAVE AS BEFORE
splish

splish

splash
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drip
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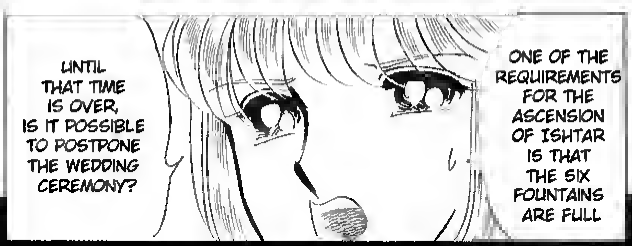
YOU STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!
MY SINCEREST APOLOGES
NO, RUSAFA
THE RESPONSIBILITY IS MINE
BROTHER
JUDAH
WITH ADMITTED FORWARDNESS I ASK
IS IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY?

IF MOTHER MAKES THE ARRANGEMENTS, AND YURI-SAMA IS NEAR WATER, THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO
IT'S NOT THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST THE MESHEDI, BUT
YOUR HIGHNESS


UNTIL THAT TIME IS OVER, IS IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY?
ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASCENSION OF ISHTAR IS THAT THE SIX FOUNTAINS ARE FULL

IF I GO NEAR WATER ...
THAT'S RIGHT ... WHEN I CAME HERE FROM JAPAN I ... PULLED THROUGH A PUDDLE ...

BATHING ...!!
CERTAINLY
BEFORE THE WEDDING CEREMONY THERE ARE MANY CUSTOMS
AMONG THOSE, BATHING TO PURIFY THE BODY STARTING FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL CEREMONY IS A VERY IMPORTANT RITUAL
IT'S LIKELY THAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT TIME
PURIFYING BATH ...!!

YES ...
KAIL ...?!
AIGIR
IT'S IT POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING CEREMONY UNTIL AFTER THE ASCENSION OF ISHTAR?
I DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING ANYMORE
IF WE RUN THIS YEAR, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT YEAR?! AND THE YEAR AFTER THAT?!
IF WE DON'T SETTLE THIS WITH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, THE SAME PROBLEMS WILL JUST KEEP COMING BACK
ANNOUNCEMENT !!
BUT, YURI ...

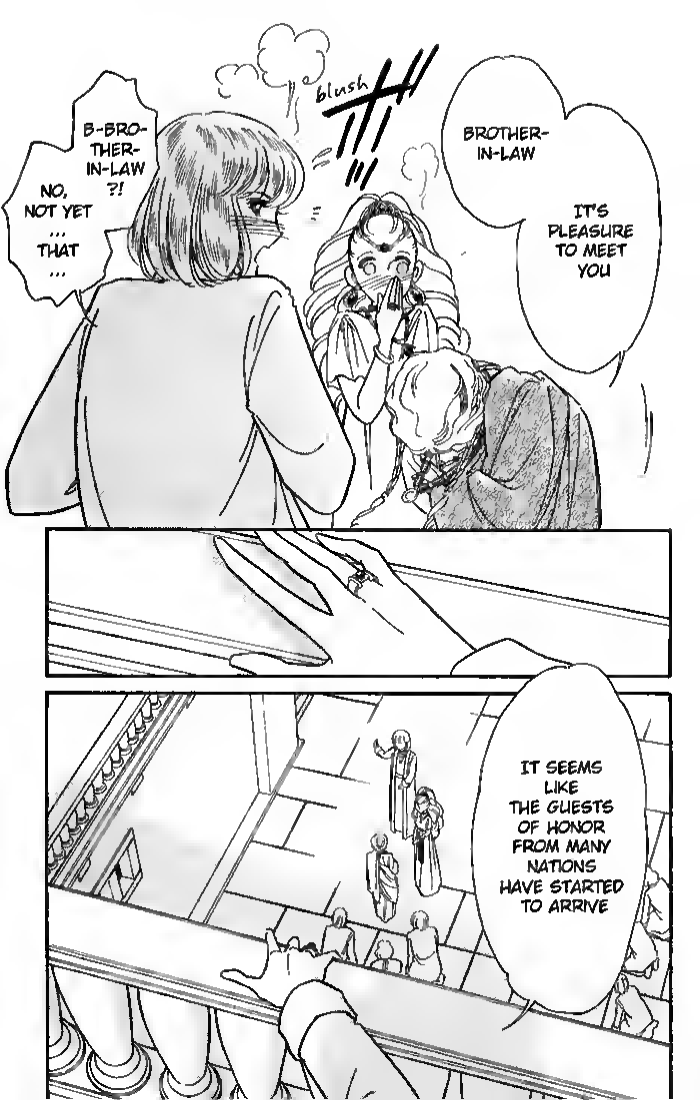
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE WEDDING CEREMONY OF YOUR MAJESTY THE EMPEROR,
THE CROWN PRINCE OF THE MITANNI KINGDOM, HIS HIGHNESS MATTIWARA, HAS ARRIVED
WHAT?!

H...HERE IS HIS HIGHNESS MATTUARA,
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU WITH HIS EARLY ARRIVAL
HELLO!
MY DEEPEST CONGRA-TULATIONS
MY FATHER ... KING MATTIWAZA OF MITTANI WANTED TO COME, BUT
I'VE COME IN HIS PLACE

CONTINUING, THE KING OF KIZZU-WATNA
HIS MAJESTY NATSIL I HAS ARRIVED
THE KING OF UGARIT,
KING NIQMEPA

CROWN PRINCE OF THE ARZAWA KINGDOM,
HIS HIGHNESS LEONIDAS HAS ARRIVED!
LEO!!

CONGRA-
TULATIONS
ON THE
MATTER
OF YOUR
MARRIAGE
IT'S BEEN
A LONG TIME,
SISTER
I'VE COME
AS MOTHER
REPRESENTIVE
TO THE
CELEBRATIONS
OF HIS MAJESTY
MURSILI II
ARE YOU
HIS HIGHNESS
JUDA
HASPASRUPI?
Y...YES


B-BRO-THER-IN-LAW ?!
NO, NOT YET ... THAT ...
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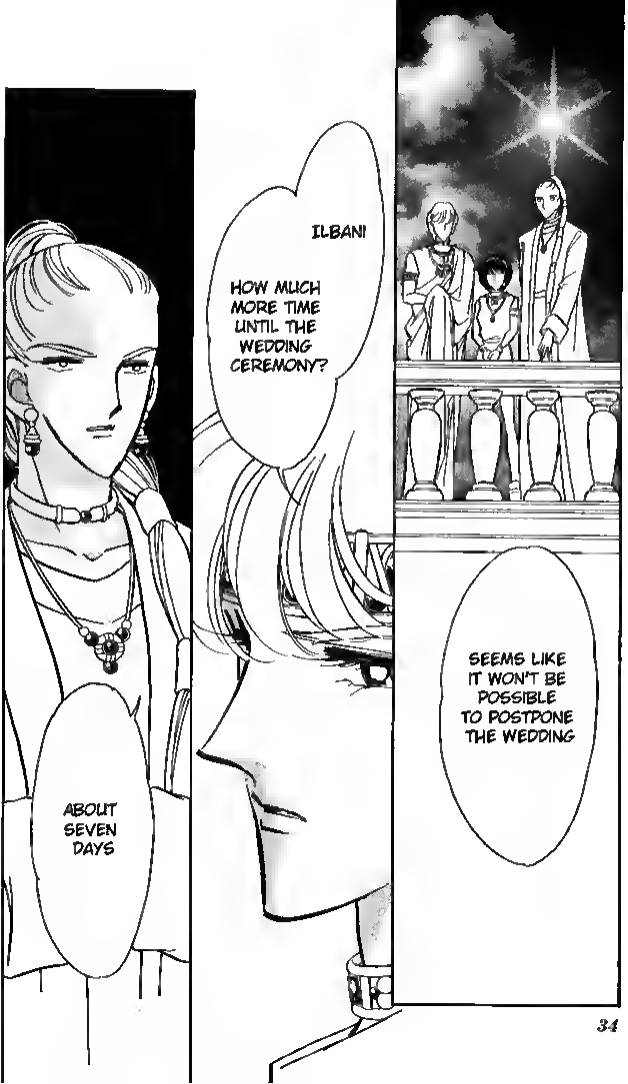
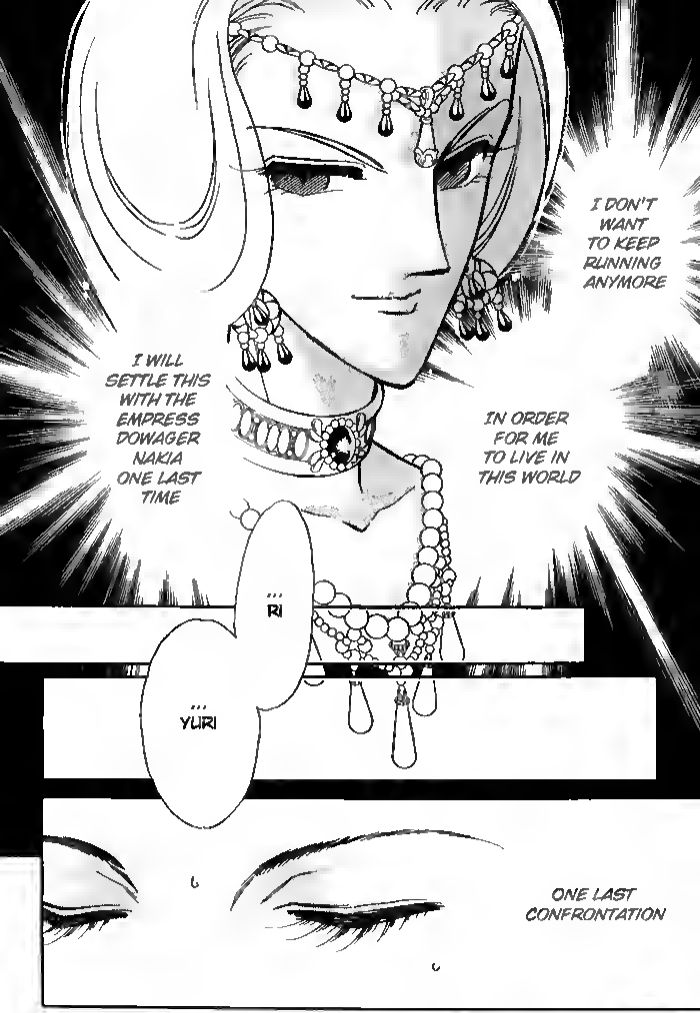
BROTHER-IN-LAW
IT'S PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
IT SEEMS LIKE THE GUESTS OF HONOR FROM MANY NATIONS HAVE STARTED TO ARRIVE


SEEMS LIKE IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE THE WEDDING
ILBAN!
HOW MUCH MORE TIME UNTIL THE WEDDING CEREMONY?
ABOUT SEVEN DAYS

THE WEDDING CEREMONY
IS IN 7 DAYS ...


I DON'T WANT TO KEEP RUNNING ANYMORE
IN ORDER FOR ME TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD
I WILL SETTLE THIS WITH THE EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA ONE LAST TIME
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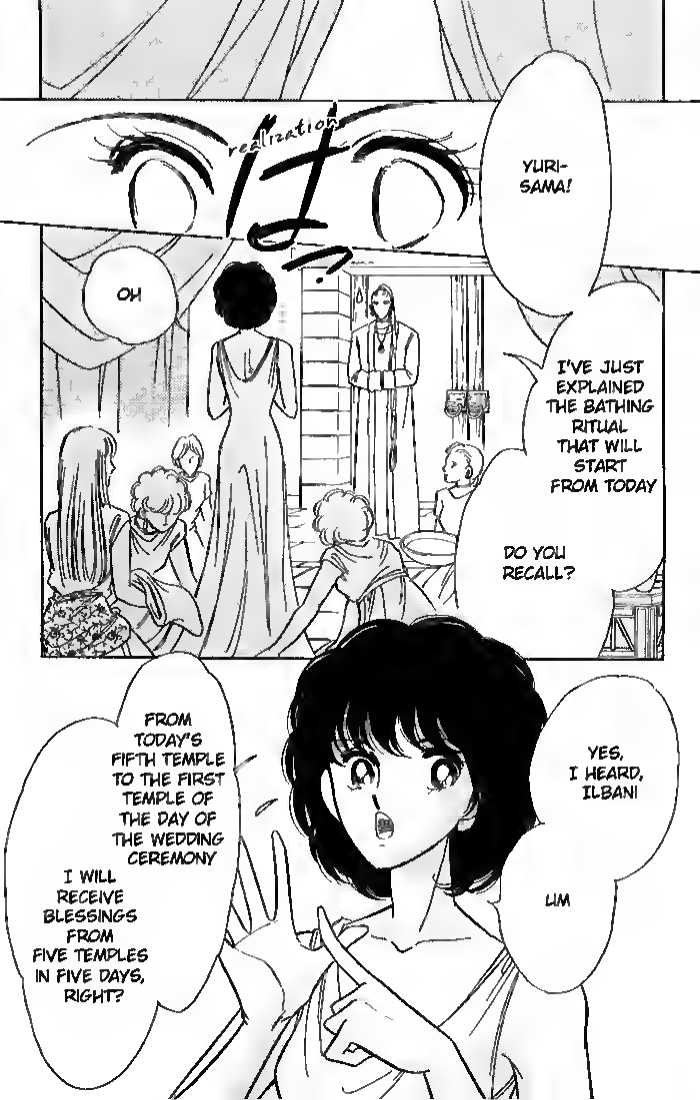
...YURI
ONE LAST CONFRONTATION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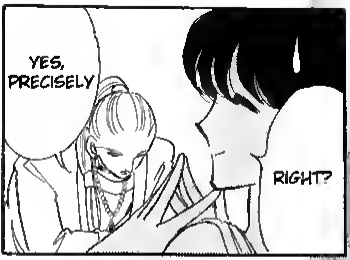
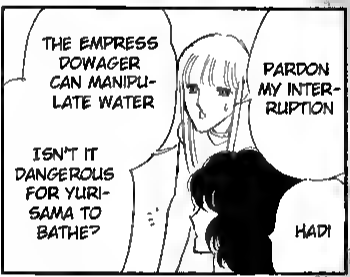
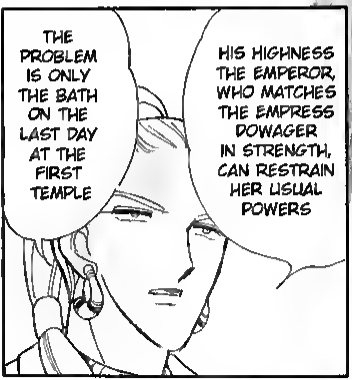
はっ
YURI-SAMA!
I'VE JUST EXPLAINED THE BATHING RITUAL THAT WILL START FROM TODAY
DO YOU RECALL?
OH
YES, I HEARD, ILBAN!
LIM
FROM TODAY'S FIFTH TEMPLE TO THE FIRST TEMPLE OF THE DAY OF THE WEDDING CEREMONY
I WILL RECEIVE BLESSINGS FROM FIVE TEMPLES IN FIVE DAYS, RIGHT?


YES, PRECISELY
RIGHT?


THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN MANIPULATE WATER
ISN'T IT DANGEROUS FOR YURI-SAMA TO BATHE?
PARDON MY INTERRUPTION
HAD!


THE PROBLEM IS ONLY THE BATH ON THE LAST DAY AT THE FIRST TEMPLE
HIS HIGHNESS THE EMPEROR, WHO MATCHES THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IN STRENGTH, CAN RESTRAIN HER USUAL POWERS

I WILL FIRST PURIFY MYSELF WITH HOLY WATER, THEN
MY FOREHEAD, PALMS, CHEST, AND ENTIRE BODY
WILL BE BLESSED FURTHERMORE BY A PRIEST

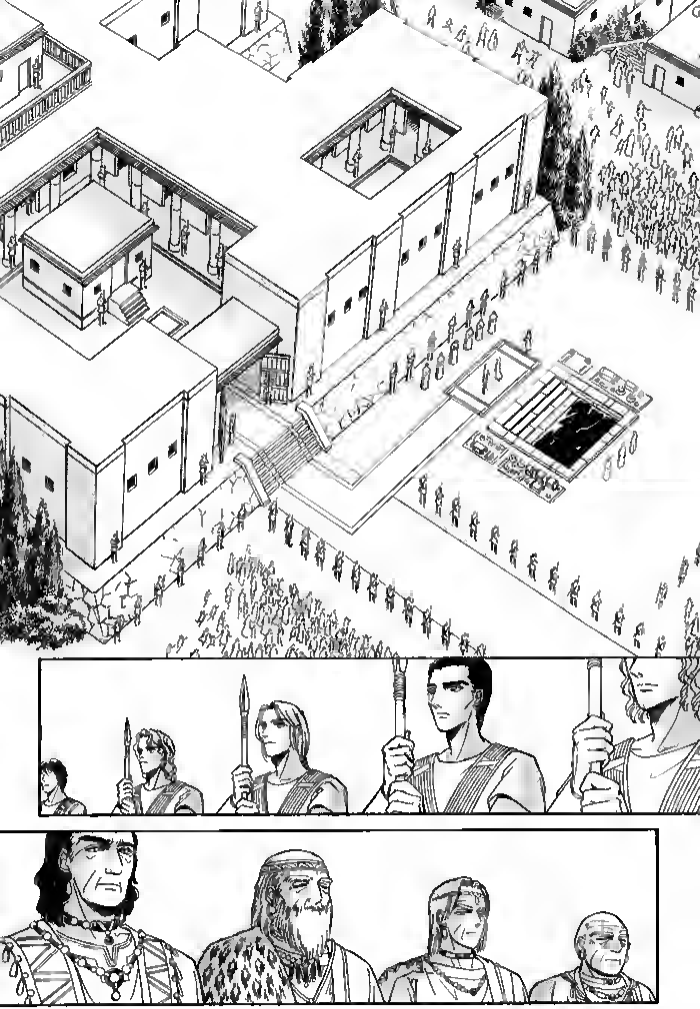
THE FIFTH DAY IS ALSO THE DAY THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES THIS YEAR
THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT TO EXTRACT YURI-SAMA FROM THIS WORLD. AND THIS IS A DIFFERENT TYPE OF MAGIC POWER THAT HIS MAJESTY CANNOT DEAL WITH
UNTIL THE FIFTH BATH
...
THEREFORE NO MATTER WHAT BEFORE THE DAY OF THE FIFTH BATH, WE HAVE TO FIND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
KAIL
ANNOUNCEMENT
HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR HAS ARRIVED

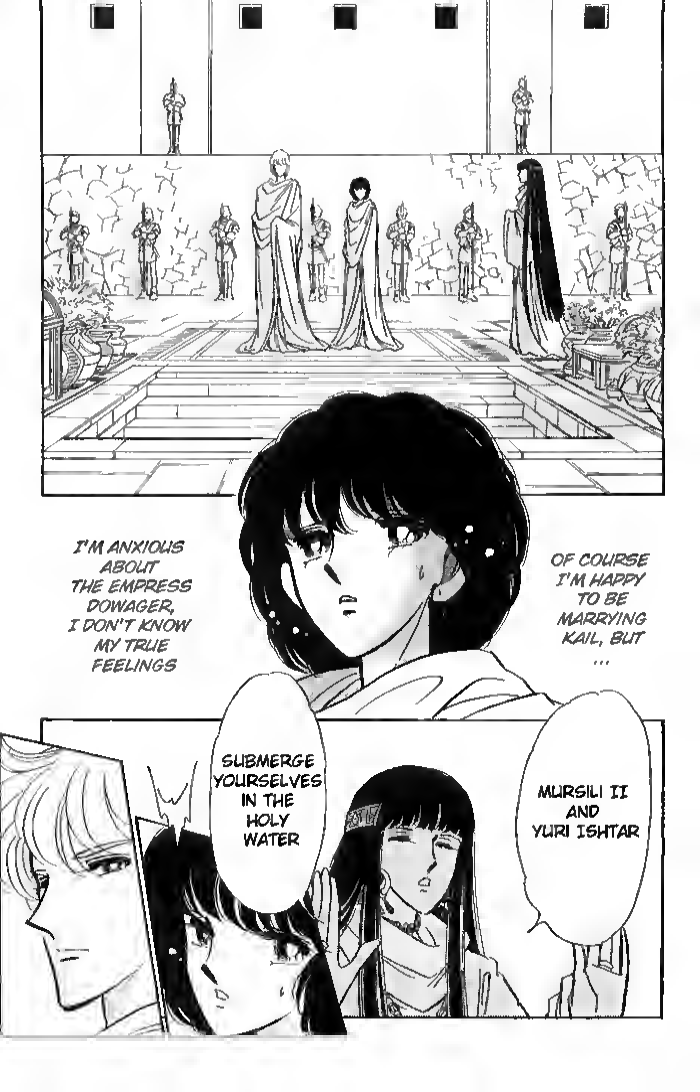
FOR OUR WEDDING
.....
I CAN CONFRONT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER WHENEVER!!
YES
YURI, ARE YOU PREPARED?
OH!
OH, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU
IMPERIAL PRINCESS ... HER HIGHNESS
THE PRIESTESS WHO MANAGES THE THIRD TEMPLE DURING THE TIME OF RITUAL BATHING IMPERIAL PRINCESS NEPIS ILRA
KAIL ...
I'M SORRY
YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN TROUBLES THAT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN IF YOU MARRIED A COMMON MAN

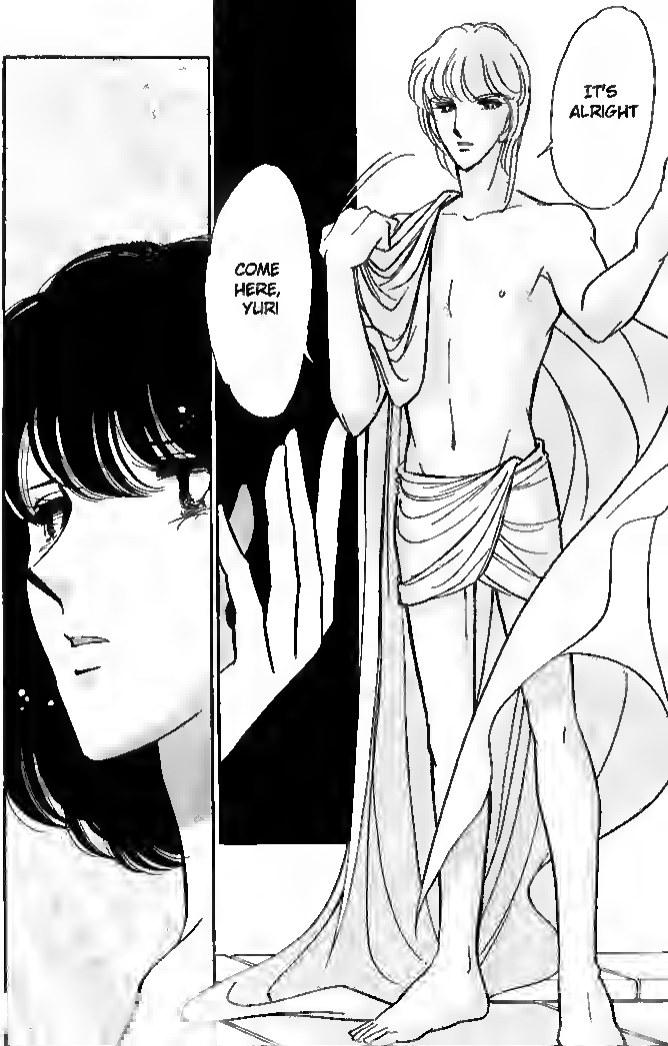
HER EYES ...?!
SHE IS MY OLDER SISTER
YOUR SISTER!
SINCE BIRTH, HER EYES HAVE NOT WORKED, BUT SHE ABLE TO SEE OTHER THINGS

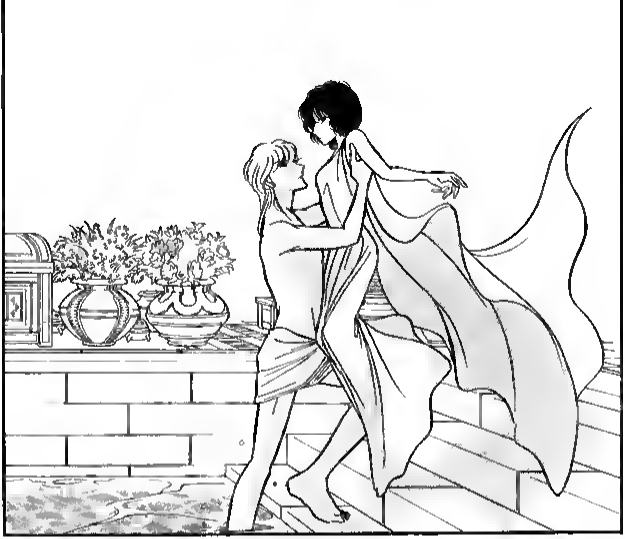
SISTER
BUT HIS MAJESTY PRESSED THE PRIESTS TO HAVE YOU BATH TOGETHER
DID YOU KNOW? YURI-SAMA
ORIGINALLY, THE EMPEROR AND THE ONE WHO IS TO BECOME EMPRESS ACTUALLY BATHE SEPARATELY
AS THEY ARE UNAWARE OF THE DANGER OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
HIS MAJESTY'S LOVE FOR YOU IS KNOWN
HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE APART FROM YOU FOR EVEN A MOMENT
SO MOST PEOPLE WOULD PROBABLY UNDERSTAND
SISTER! IT'S ALMOST TIME

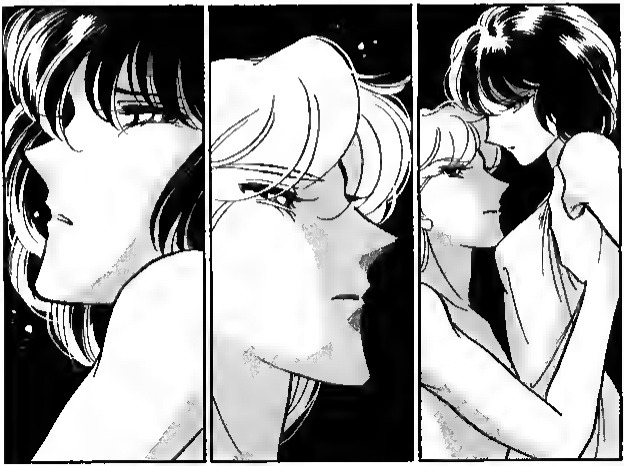
OF COURSE I SHOULDN'T BE THE CAUSE OF NOTICE ON THIS GREAT DAY, BUT
TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITIES, I WILL ALSO BE BY YOUR SIDE
I'VE HEARD [illegible] KAIL AND HIS PRIESTESS SISTER BOTH HAVE POWERS THAT ARE AS STRONG AS THE [illegible] DOWAGER'S
IN ORDER TO PROTECT ME, KAIL HAS EVEN VIOLATED OLD CUSTOMS SO THAT I CAN BE COMPLETELY SAFE

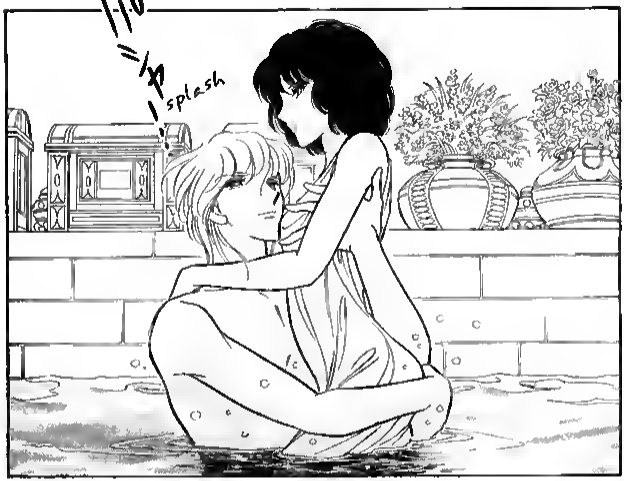



I'M ANXIOUS ABOUT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, I DON'T KNOW MY TRUE FEELINGS
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY TO BE MARRYING KAIL, BUT ...
MURSILI II AND YURI ISHTAR
SUBMERGE YOURSELVES IN THE HOLY WATER


IT'S ALRIGHT
COME HERE, YURI



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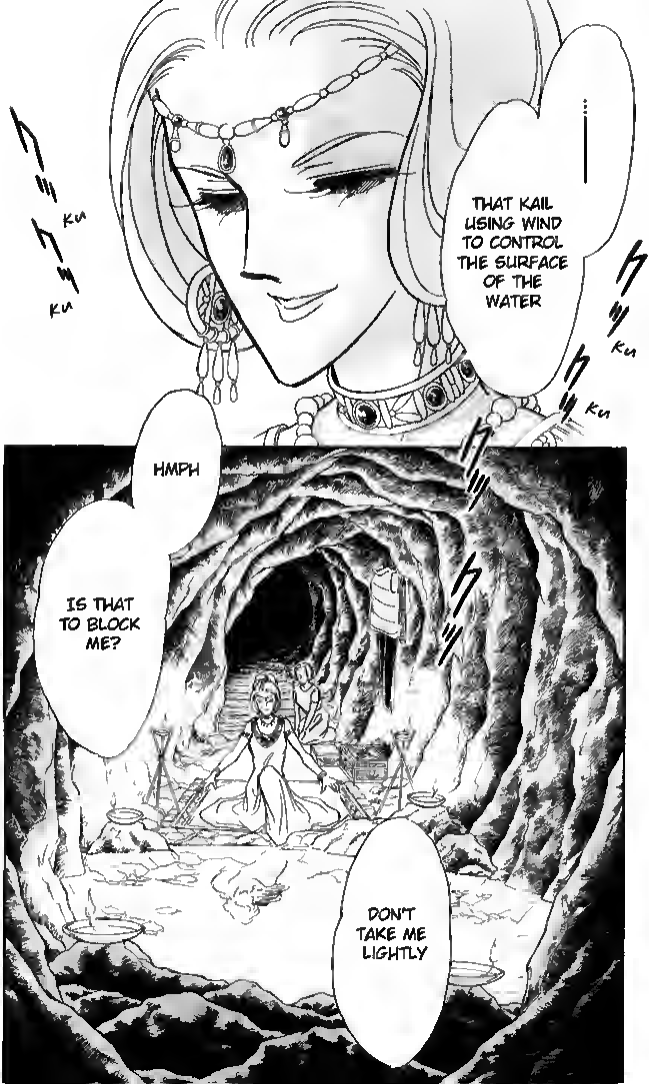
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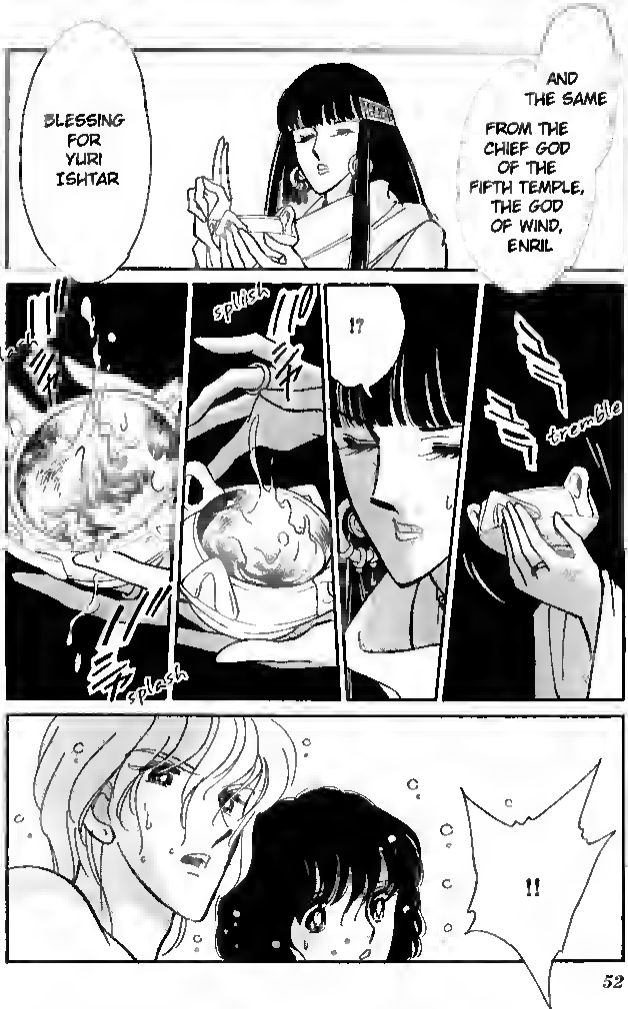
KU
THAT KAIL USING WIND TO CONTROL THE SURFACE OF THE WATER
KU
KU
HMPH
IS THAT TO BLOCK ME?
DON'T TAKE ME LIGHTLY

FROM THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIFTH TEMPLE, THE GOD OF WIND, ENRIL
BLESSING FOR MURSILI II


BLESSING FOR YURI ISHTAR
AND THE SAME FROM THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIFTH TEMPLE, THE GOD OF WIND, ENRIL
splash
splash
splash
!?
tremble
!!

splish
THE HOLY WATER ...?!

YOUR MAJESTY
YURI-SAMA!!
IT'S ALRIGHT
THIS IS ALL THAT THE QUEEN MOTHER CAN DO RIGHT NOW
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...?!
SO UNTIL THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES, THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN'T MAKE A MOVE
UNTIL THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES ...

THIS IS A MESSAGE FROM THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
IT'S A MESSAGE
SHE WON'T ALLOW THE WEDDING CEREMONY SHE'S DEFINITELY TRYING TO EXPEL ME FROM THIS WORLD
shiver
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SIGN OF BAD LUCK ...?
IT'S A SIGN OF BAD LUCK
OHH
THE BOWL OF HOLY WATER BROKE
IT'S NOT SERIOUS
CONTINUE THE RITUAL, PRIESTESS
!?
I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED MY BLESSING
THE HOLY WATER ...
BUT YOUR MAJESTY

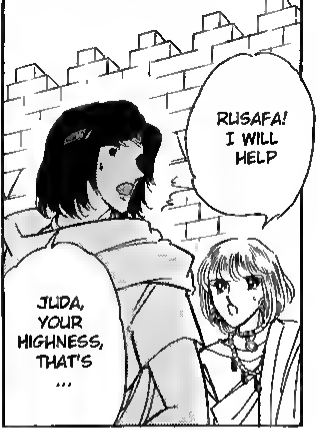
SO, YURI
FROM ME TO YOU ...
HUH?

KAIL
...

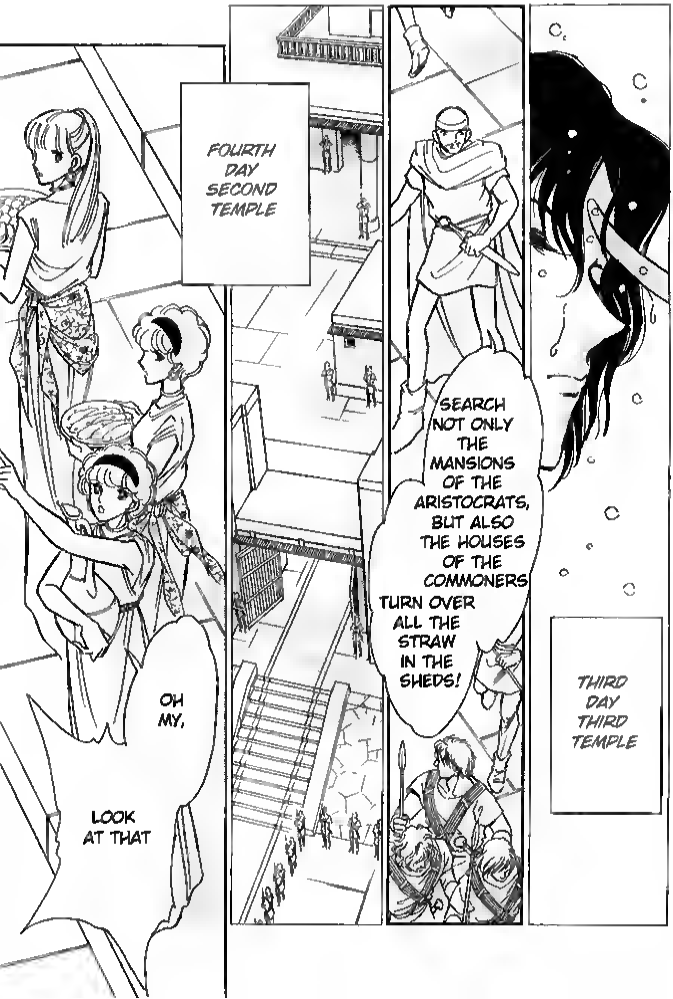
RUSAFA
PRINCESS NEPHERUTO
I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT RIGHT NOW I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT PERSONAL MATTERS
THE JOKING HAS STOPPED, SO NOW I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT
I'M HAPPY, I'LL WAIT ♡
!!

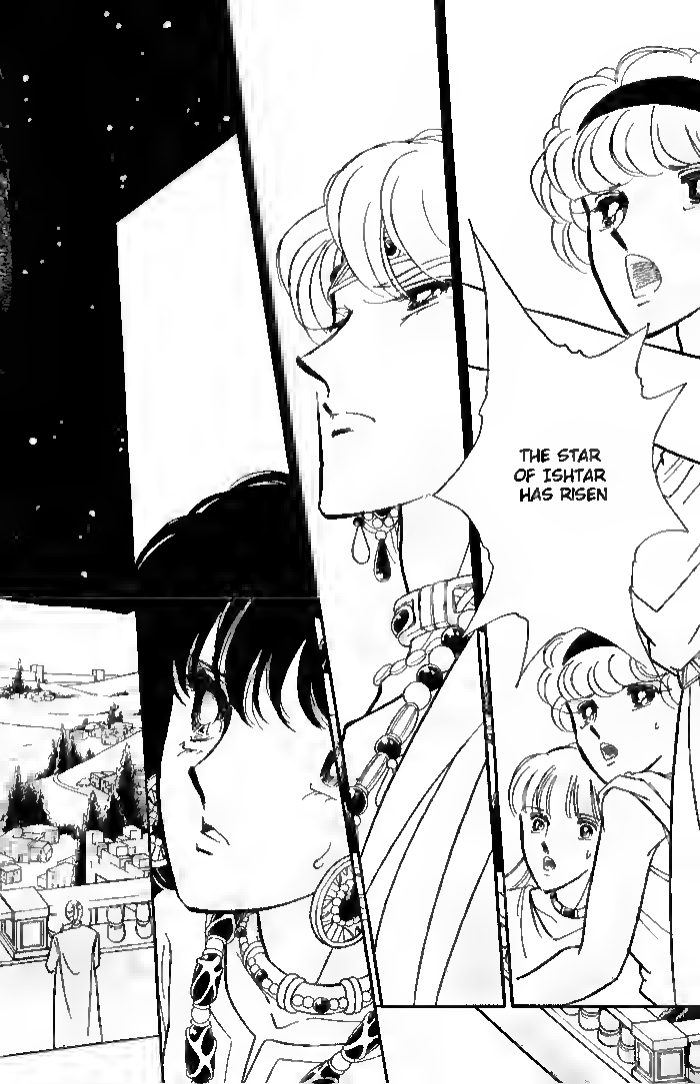
NO MATTER WHAT I WILL TRY TO STOP HER
I WILL NOT LET THE EMPRESS DOWAGER EXTRACT YURI FROM THIS WORLD

STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER?!
USE ALL THREE ARMIES AND RESEARCH ALL OF HATTUSA!
SECOND BATH
FOURTH TEMPLE


RUSAFA! I WILL HELP
JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS, THAT'S ...

NO MATTER WHAT, WE MUST FIND HER BEFORE THE STAR OF ISHTAR RISES
PLEASE! AS HER ONLY SON, I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO STOP MY MOTHER

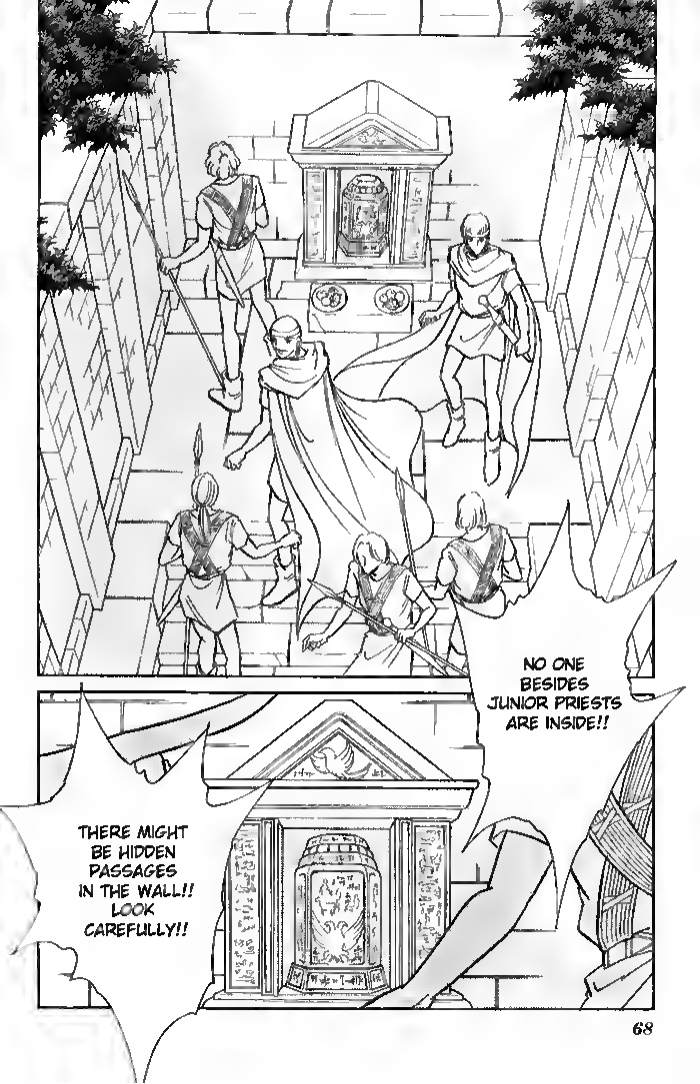

THIRD DAY THIRD TEMPLE
SEARCH NOT ONLY THE MANSIONS OF THE ARISTOCRATS, BUT ALSO THE HOUSES OF THE COMMONERS
TURN OVER ALL THE STRAW IN THE SHEDS!
FOURTH DAY SECOND TEMPLE
OH MY,
LOOK AT THAT


THE STAR
OF ISHTAR
HAS RISEN

FIFTH
BATH
FIRST
TEMPLE
DAY BEFORE
THE WEDDING
CEREMONY
OF MURSILI II

OH, SHUBAS
DO YOU HAVE ANY CLUES?
COMMANDER KASH, COMMANDER METTAN-NAMUWA!!
HUH?
WE'VE HEARD THAT THE PRIESTS THERE HAVE BEEN ACTING DIFFERENTLY FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS
WE'RE ANXIOUS ABOUT ...
A SMALL TEMPLE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE LOWER PARTS OF THE CITY
THE PRIESTESS OF THE TEMPLE OF HEBAT IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER, ISN'T IT?!
THAT TEMPLE IS THE LAST TEMPLE OF THE GODDESS HEBAT

OPEN THE DOOR!!
OPEN UP!!
BY THE ORDER OF THE SENATE
I DO NOT KNOW OF THAT
COME HERE?
HAS A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY
WHAT IS IT?
LET US SEARCH!!
OUT OF THE WAY!!


NO ONE BESIDES JUNIOR PRIESTS ARE INSIDE!!
THERE MIGHT BE HIDDEN PASSAGES IN THE WALL!! LOOK CAREFULLY!!

THE STAR OF ISHTAR HAS RISEN, THE SPRING IS FULL
GOOD, YURI IS BEGINNING HER LAST BATH
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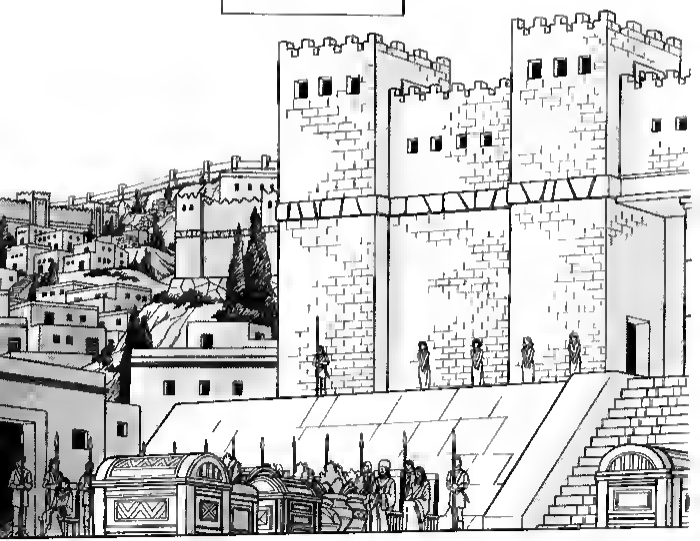
FIRST TEMPLE OF HATTUSA ALSO CALLED THE MAIN TEMPLE

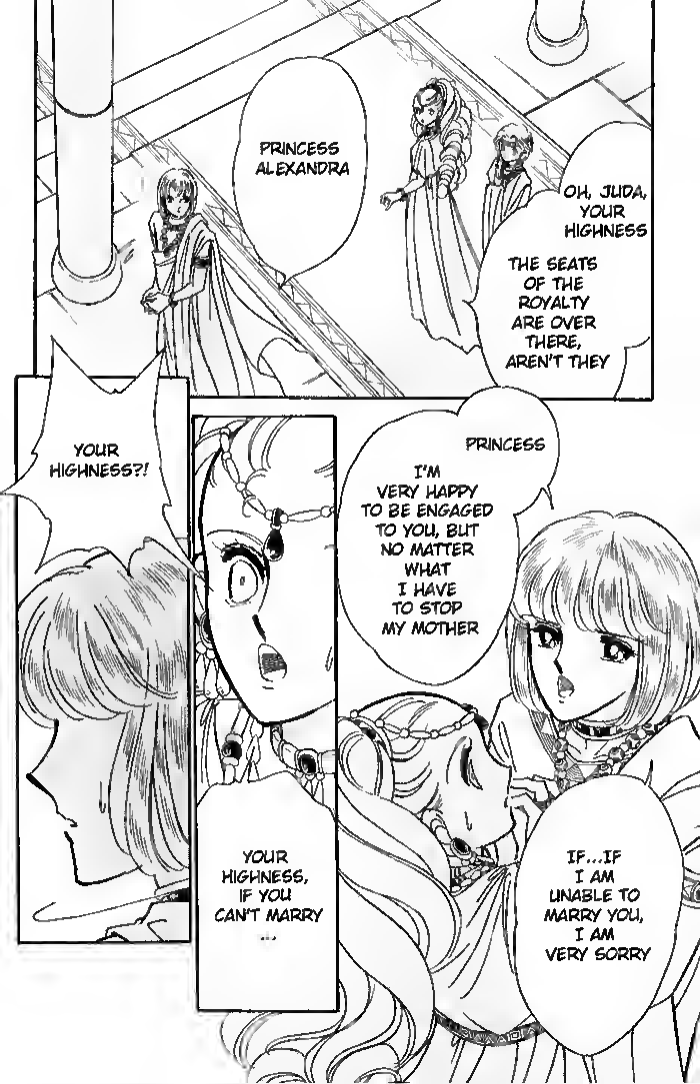
THE PRIEST OF THAT TEMPLE IS THE HIGHEST RANKING PRIEST IN THE EMPIRE AND HAS SERVED SUCCESSIVE EMPERORS

THE TEMPLE IS THE PLACE OF IMPORTANT NATIONAL AFFAIRS OF COURSE THE WEDDING OF THE EMPEROR IS A LARGE NATIONAL AFFAIR ...



ALL MESHEDI GATHER AT THE MAIN TEMPLE !!
LEAVE THE CITY STREETS TO THE THREE ARMIES!!
YES!
IMPORTANT PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE FIRST TMEPLE TIGHTEN DEFENSES!!
RU-SAFA
FROM THE SEAT OF THE ROYAL VISITORS, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU
PRINCESS NEPHERUTO
PLEASE BE CAREFUL YOURSELF

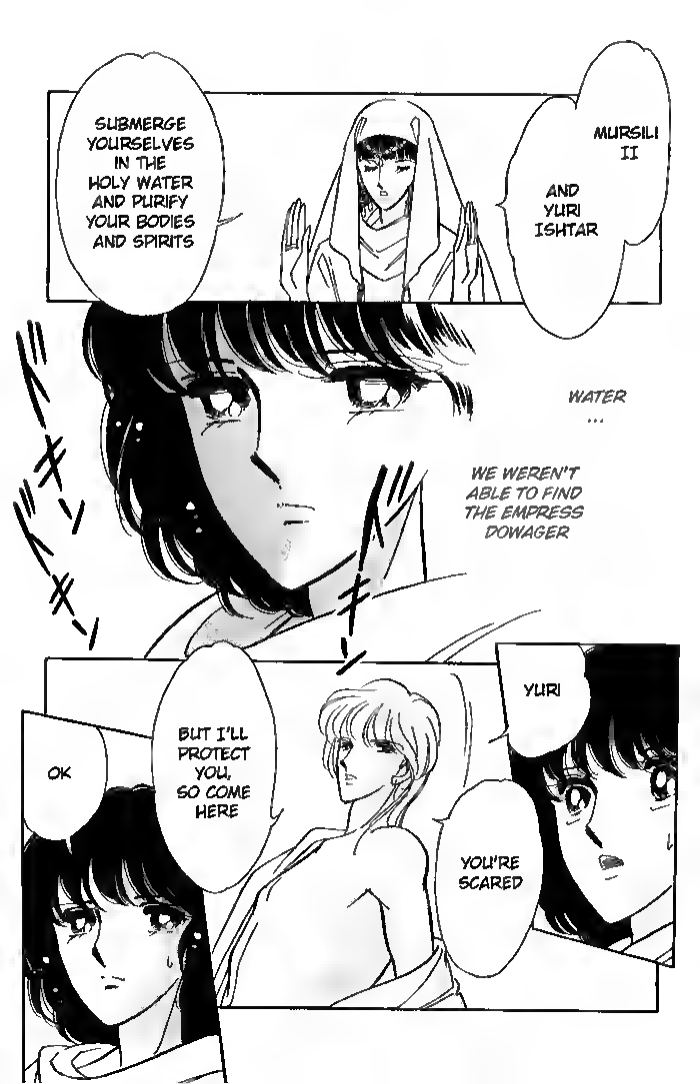
SERVE OUR DESCENDANTS FOR MANY YEARS
LEAVE BEHIND DESCENDANTS
THANK YOU!
WILL THAT DAY REALLY COME FOR ME TOO...?
RUSAFA!


PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
OH, JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS
THE SEATS OF THE ROYALTY ARE OVER THERE, AREN'T THEY
YOUR HIGHNESS?!
PRINCESS
I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE ENGAGED TO YOU, BUT NO MATTER WHAT I HAVE TO STOP MY MOTHER
YOUR HIGHNESS, IF YOU CAN'T MARRY ...
IF...IF I AM UNABLE TO MARRY YOU, I AM VERY SORRY

YOUR HIGHNESS ...?!
TO STOP MY MOTHER I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO ... I'LL DO ANYTHING ...
I HAVE TO STOP HER!!

STATION SOLDIERS BY THE SPECTATORS!
ARREST ANYONE THAT IS SUSPICIOUS!
YES!!
WHAT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER PLANS TO DO WE KNOW FOR SURE, BUT WHAT IS SHE CAPABLE OF DOING NOW?!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER STILL HAS IT ...!!
MANIPULATING PEOPLE WITH "BLACK WATER"!!
realization

ANNOUNCING
TO THE
ROYAL GUESTS
THE APPEARANCE
OF THE EMPEROR
AND YURI ISHTAR


SUBMERGE YOURSELVES IN THE HOLY WATER AND PURIFY YOUR BODIES AND SPIRITS
MURSILI II
AND
YURI ISHTAR
WATER ...
WE WEREN'T ABLE TO FIND THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
YURI
BUT I'LL PROTECT YOU, SO COME HERE
YOU'RE SCARED
OK

BLESSING FOR MURSILI II ...
FROM TESHUP, THE CHIEF GOD OF THE FIRST TEMPLE
I TRUST KAIL
I WAS BROUGHT TO THIS WORLD BY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
SO MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, I KNOW OF HER POWER

AND THE SAME YURI ISHTAR ...
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grab
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AAAAAH
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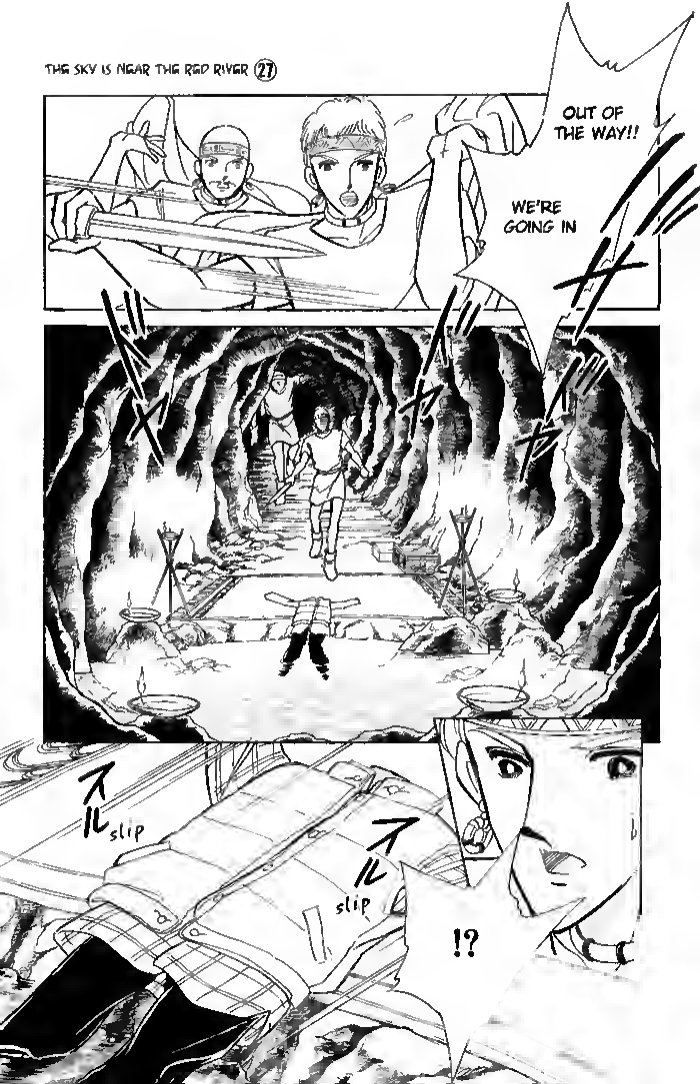
THERE IT IS!!
!!
COMMAN-DER!
THERE IT IS!! THE HIDDEN PASSAGE!!
IT'S HERE! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ALTER ...!!


OUT OF THE WAY!!
WE'RE GOING IN
スル slip
スル slip
!?

slip
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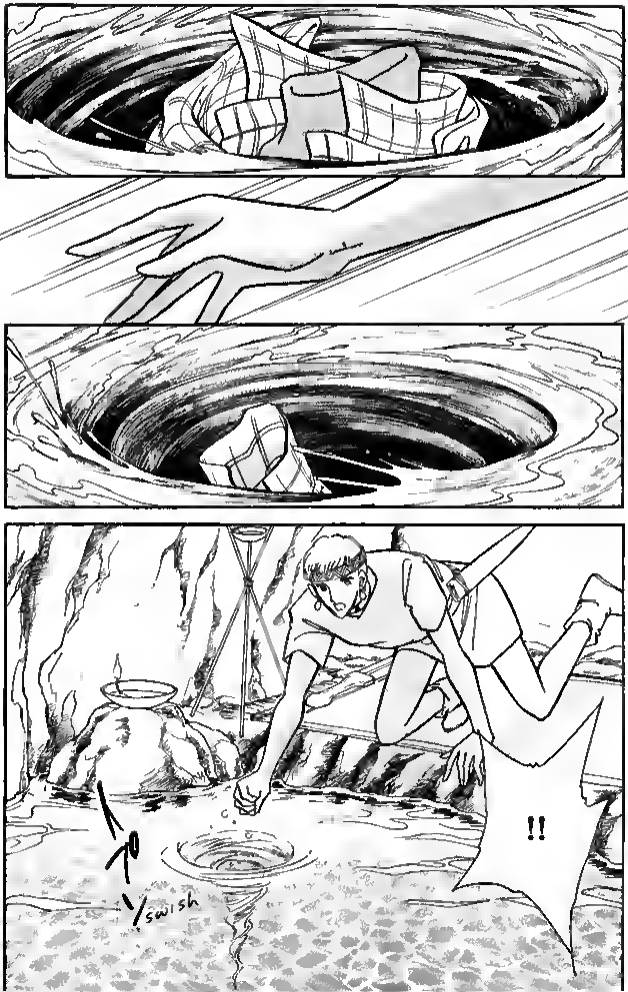
!!
IT'S BEING PULLED INTO THE SPRING?!
...

pulled
YURI!!
KAIL!!


!!
swish

WHERE IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER?!
IT'S DISAP-PEARED!
!!
splash
splash
splash
THERE'S A HIDDEN PASSAGE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE TOO

THERE'S LIGHT
move
グイト!!
WHERE IS THIS?

THIS IS THE BASEMENT OF THE MAIN TEMPLE!!
OH NO! THE EMPRESS DOWAGER CAN STILL MANIPULATE PEOPLE
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER HAS GOTTEN INTO THE MAIN TEMPLE!!
IDIOT!!
KASH, HAVE THE MESHEDI SURROUND THE BATH
RUSAFA WILL KEEP AWAY THE OTHERS

TODAY THE ROYAL GUESTS ARE IN FRONT OF THE MESHED!!
RUSAFA CAN'T DRAW HIS WEAPON AT THE GUESTS OF HONOR OR DISPATCH THE SOLDIERS!!

YURI!!
KAIL!!
IF THE GUESTS OF HONOR ARE MANIPULATED BY THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
THE MESHED! WON'T BE ENOUGH!!

I'M BEING PULLED ...
AH ...
YURI!!
I'M BEING PULLED!! JUST LIKE THE TIME I CAME HERE ...!!
YOUR MAJESTY!!
YURI-SAMA

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SFX. SHOCK

RUSAFA!
THE GUESTS OF HONOR ...
WARN THE GUESTS!!
WARN ...?!
realization
Ha...?
ANNIHILATION IS NOT LIMITED TO SOLDIER AND SPECTATORS?!
YOU GUYS GUARD THE GUESTS
DON'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THEM!!

DON'T LET ANYONE MOVE FROM THIS PLACE!!
YOUR MAJESTY! YURI-SAMA!!
ran
...!!
ブモモモ
BROTHER!!

PRINCESS IT'S DANGEROUS HERE, THIS WAY
WAIT...!!
.... shriek
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WRONG

THERE'S NO ONE HERE MANIPULATED TO HAVE THE INTENTION TO KILL!!
WRONG...!!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER IS NOT MANIPULATING PEOPLE
sway
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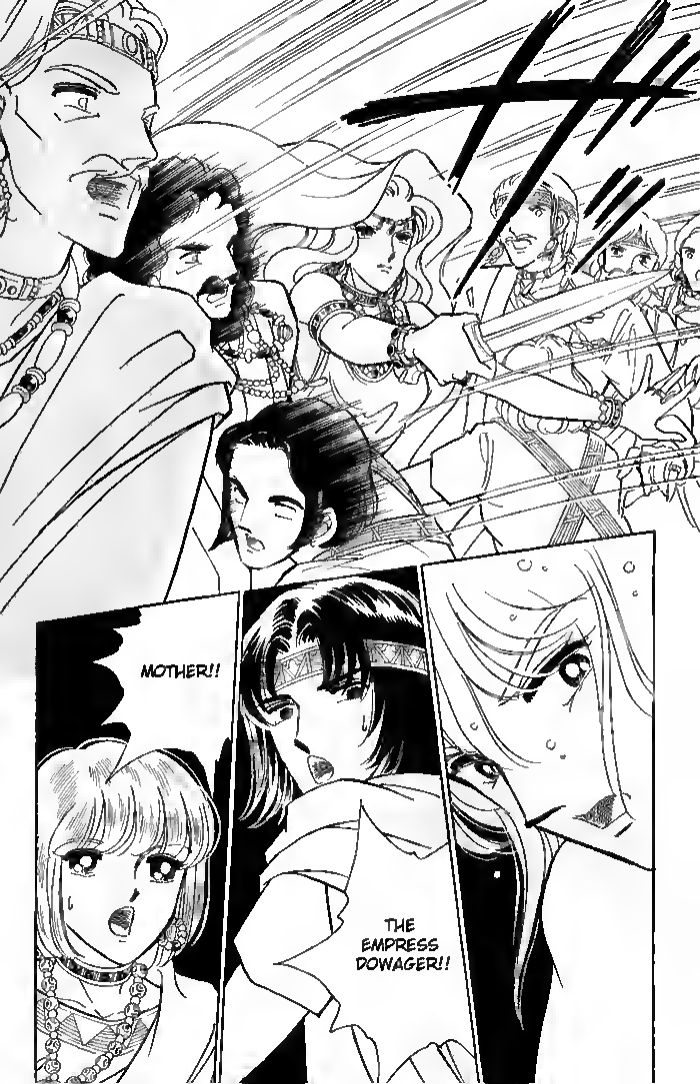
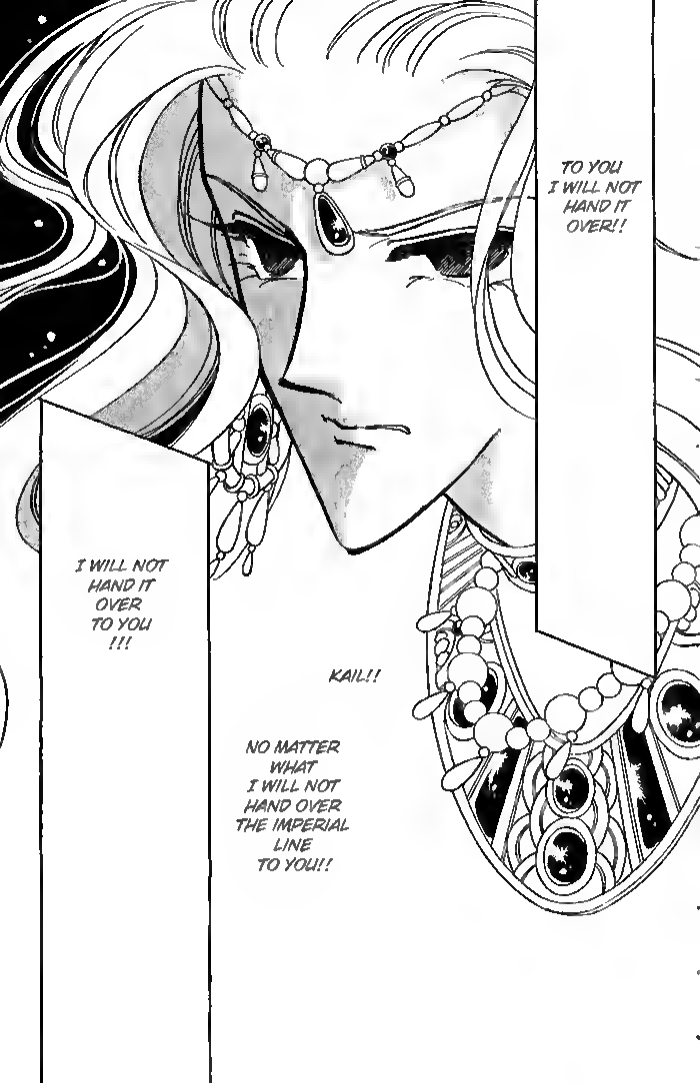

MOTHER!!
THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

KAIL MURSILI
WITH A MOTHER WHO WAS THE POPULAR TAWANANNA, RECOGNIZED AS HEIR FROM THE BEGINNING ...
YOU, WHO IS WITHOUT ANY HAPPINESS, WHO WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE PALACE ...


TO YOU I WILL NOT HAND IT OVER!!
I WILL NOT HAND IT OVER TO YOU !!!
KAIL!!
NO MATTER WHAT I WILL NOT HAND OVER THE IMPERIAL LINE TO YOU!!

run
STOP!
MOTHER!!

spurt

realization
KAIL?!

BLOOD?!

ARE THE EMPEROR AND YURI-SAMA ALRIGHT?!
OUT OF THE WAY!! GET OUT OF THE WAY!!
WHERE IS THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...
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BLOOD IS ...?!

grab
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!!
EMPRESS DOWAGER, YOUR MAJESTY!!
YURI!!
grab

splash

YURI
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
ARE YOU!!
ARE YOU INJURED?! THIS BLOOD ...?!
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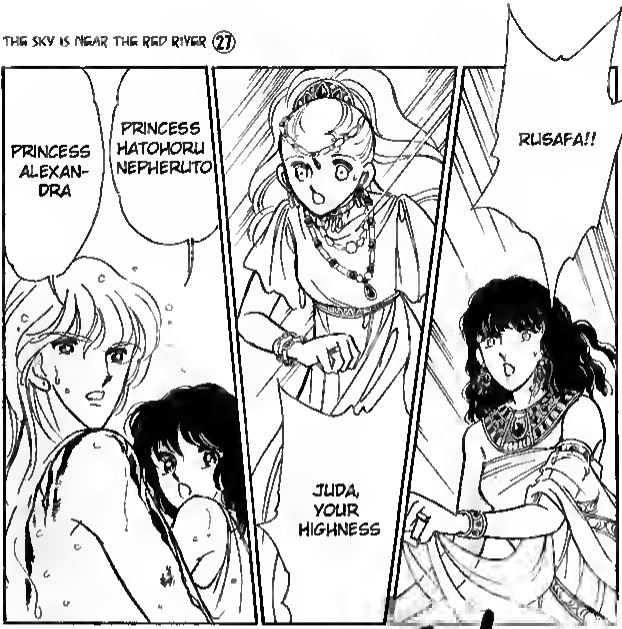
realization
THIS
ISN'T MY BLOOD


RUSAFA!!
PRINCESS HATOHORU NEPHERUTO
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA
JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS

HA...

HA
...
NO
...
I'M NOT
INJURED
...
JUDA?!
JUDA,
YOUR
HIGHNESS
YOUR
HIGHNESS!!
YOUR
INJURED?!
THEN,
THIS BLOOD
IS?!

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NEPHE-
RUTO?!
grab
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roll over
RUSAFA!!

THE WOUND ... THE BLEEDING WON'T STOP!!
RUSAFA!!
CALL A DOCTOR, HURRY!!

.....
... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
...RI
RUSAFA?!

IS YURI-SAMA HERE ...?
YU... YURI-SAMA ...
THE DOCTOR WILL BE HERE SOON, SO HANG IN THERE!!
I'M RIGHT HERE, RUSAFA!!
I'M HERE!
GOOD ...
THOSE WORDS ... SERVE FOR A LONG TIME ...
I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM ... PLEASE FORGIVE ME ...
YOUR MAJESTY

IDIOTS! YOU'RE NOT PERMITTED HERE!
THE DOCTOR STILL NOT HERE YET?! HURRY UP!!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY HERE!!
PLEASE TELL PRINCESS NEPHERUTO ...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TELL HER YOURSELF!! RUSAFA!!

PRINCESS ...
PLEASE ... LIVE A HAPPY LIFE ...
RUSAFA ...?!
HIS EYES ...
HIS EYES AREN'T SEEING ANYMORE ...!!

RUSAFA!
RUSAFA

RUSAFA
...
confusion
grab
YURI-
SAMA
...

YURI-SAMA ...
I COULDN'T SEE YOU BECOME TAWANANNA
TOO ... BAD ...
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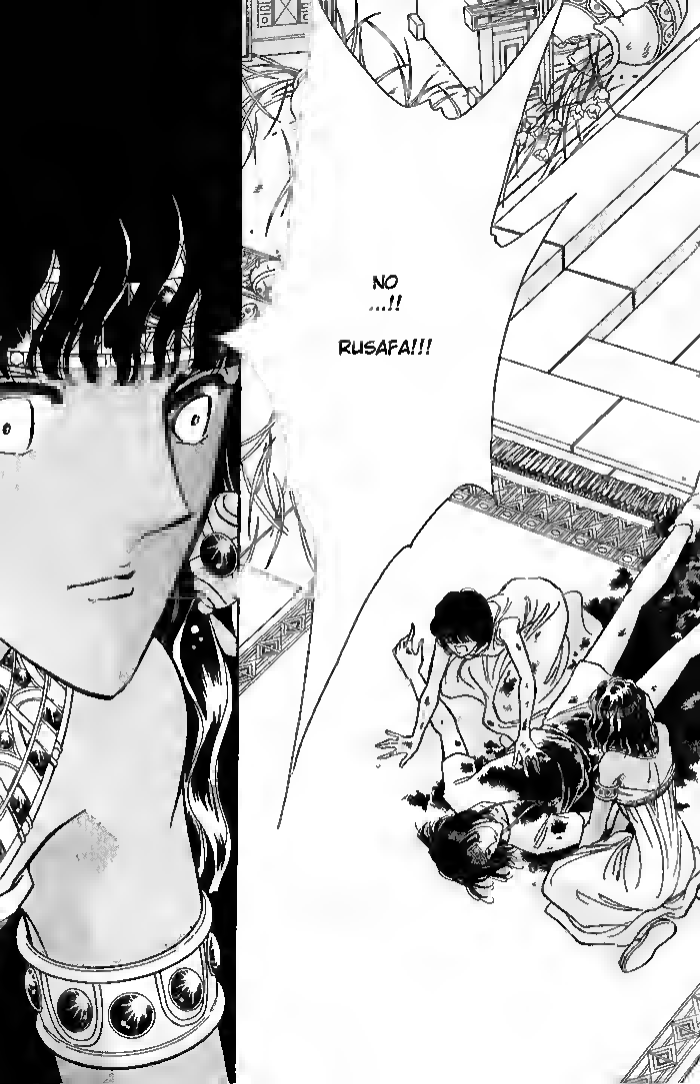
slip

RU
...
SAFA
...?
FLAP
NA
...

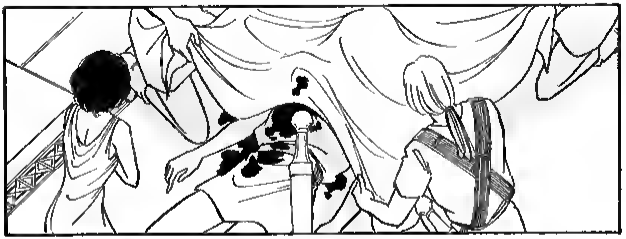
RUSAFA!!

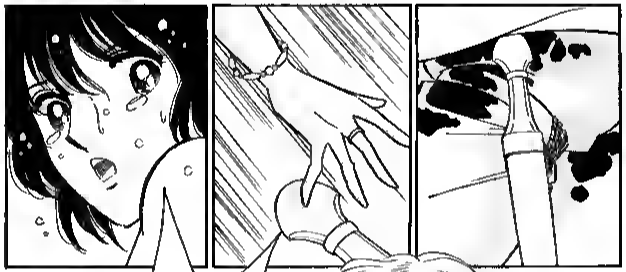

NO
...!!
RUSAFA!!!

SURELY
...
SURELY
SOMEDAY
...
I WILL
GIVE UP
THIS LIFE
FOR
THAT PERSON
...

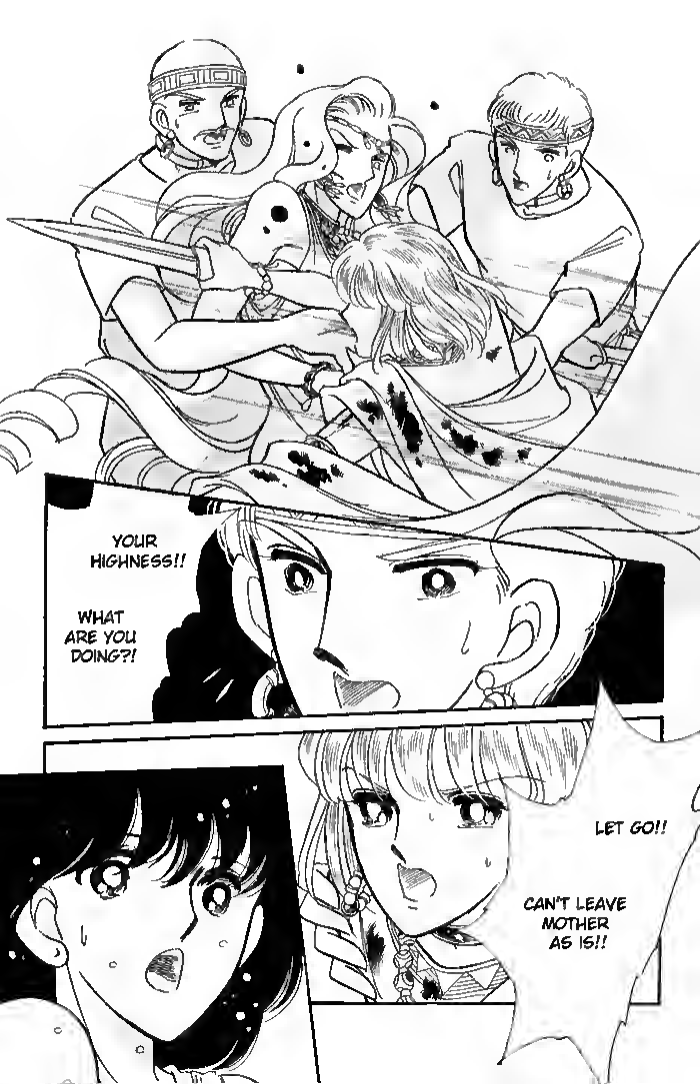
VICE CHIEF!!
RUSAFA!
VICE CHIEF!!
VICE CHIEF!

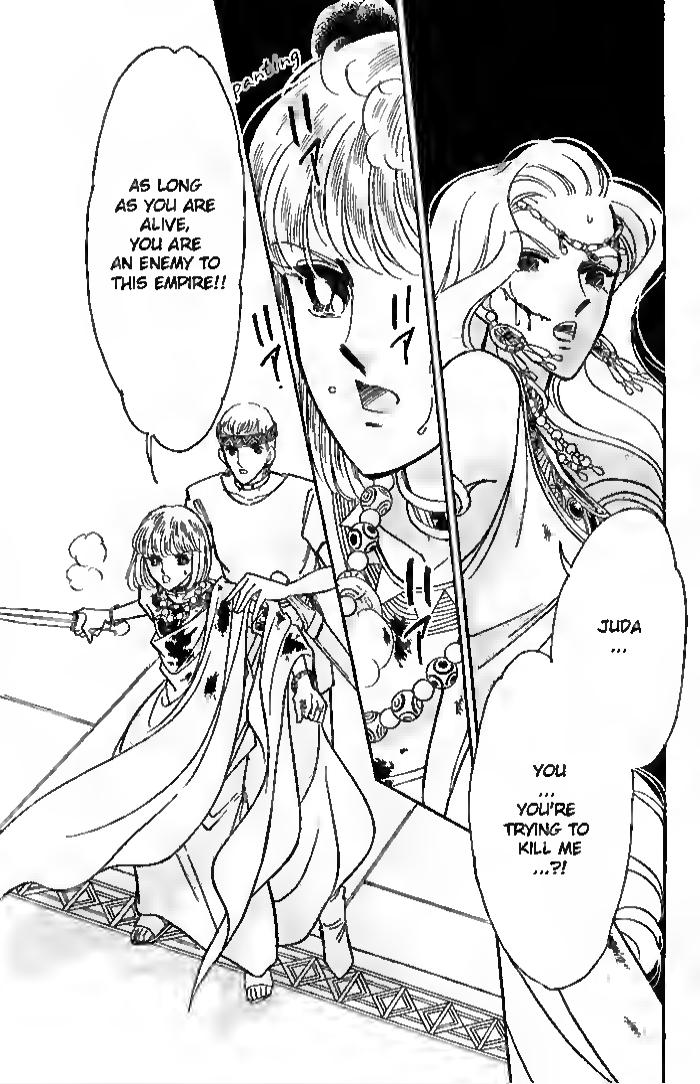
KAIL
...
BRING THE QUEEN MOTHER TO THE PALACE
THEN TAKE RUSAFA INTO THE TEMPLE
...





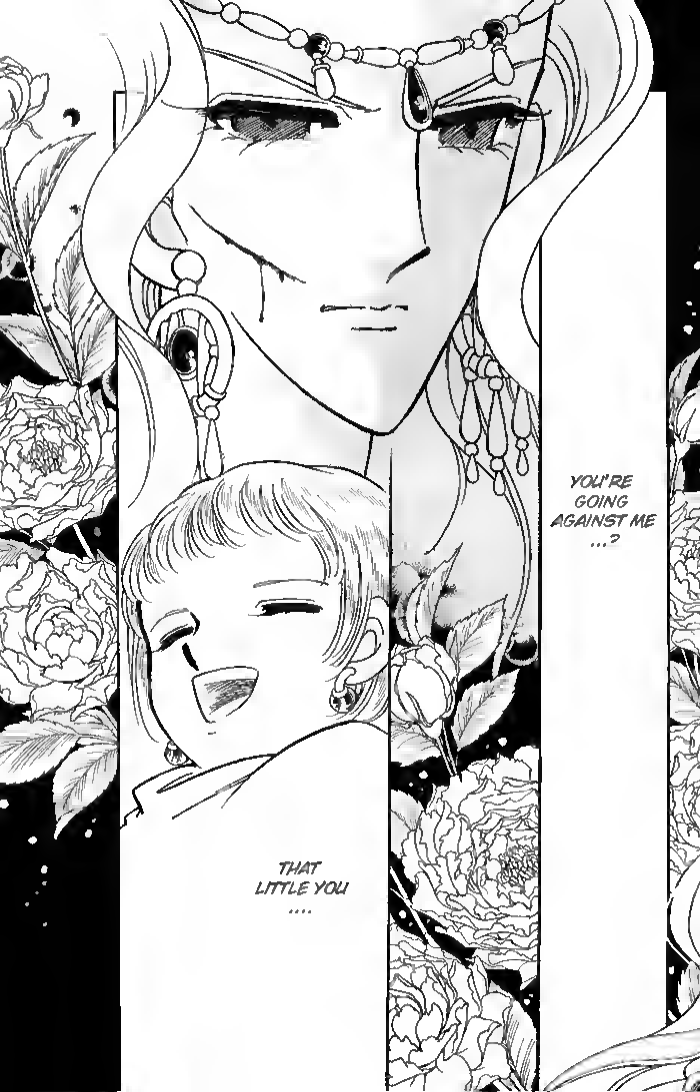
JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS?!

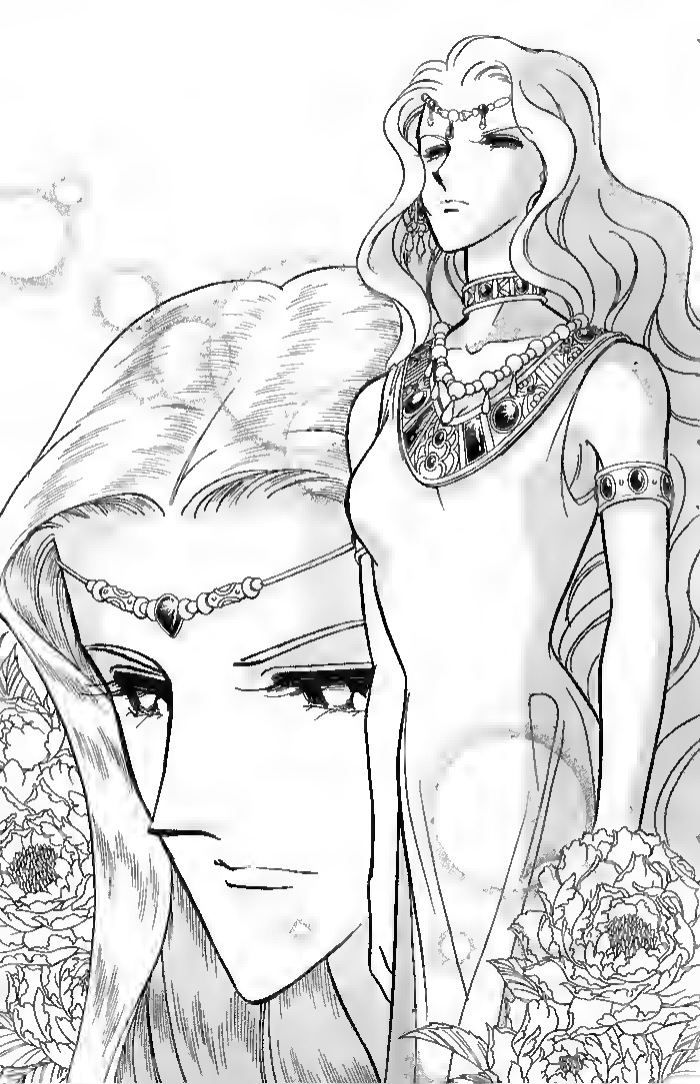

YOUR HIGHNESS!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
LET GO!!
CAN'T LEAVE MOTHER AS IS!!

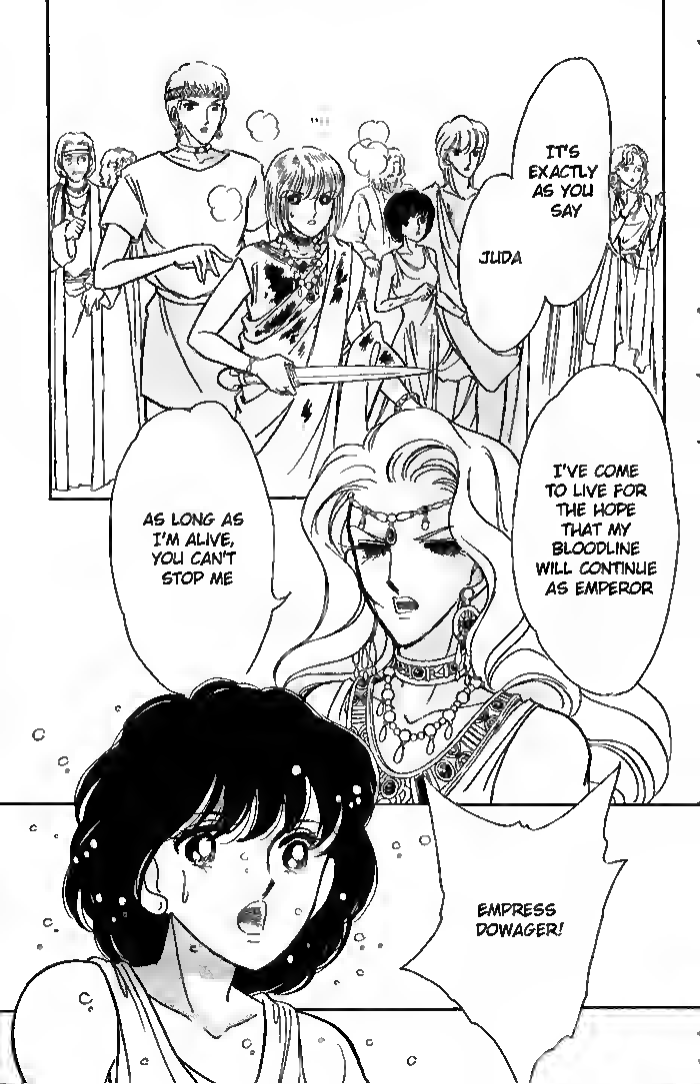

panting
AS LONG AS YOU ARE ALIVE, YOU ARE AN ENEMY TO THIS EMPIRE!!
JUDA ...
YOU ... YOU'RE TRYING TO KILL ME ...?!

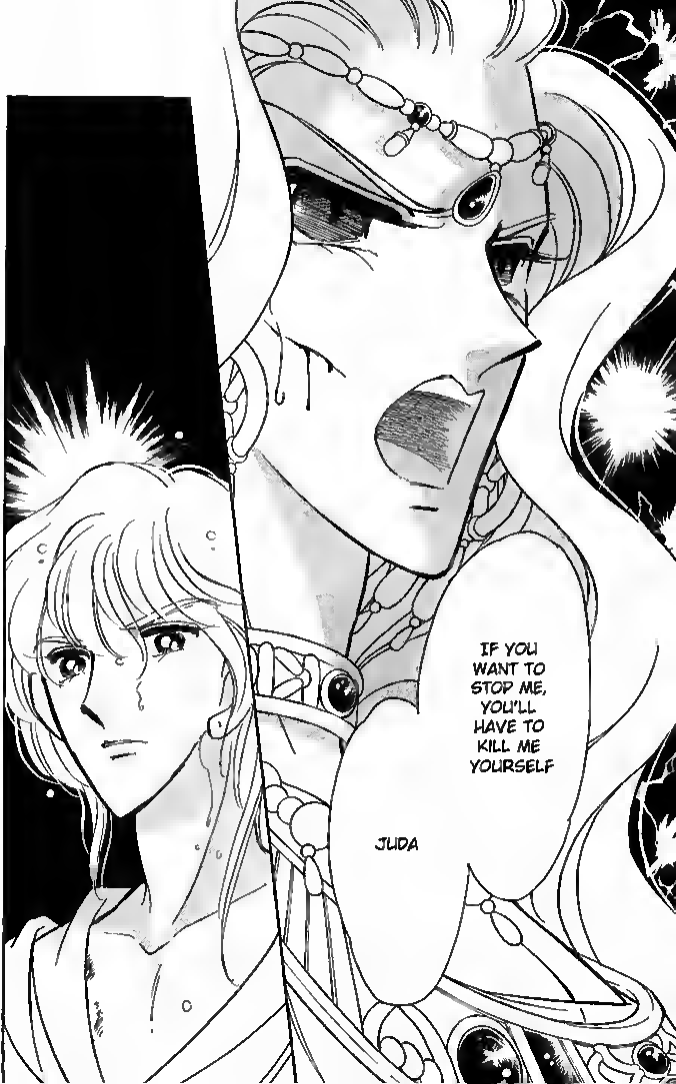
AS THE ONLY ONE WHO CARRIES YOUR BLOOD, I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY OR THE INTEREST!!
WHY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOUR BLOODLINE TO RULE THIS EMPIRE!!
BROTHER ...
HIS MAJESTY THE EMPEROR HAS RECOGNIZED ME AS FIRST IN LINE FOR THE THRONE, BUT

I'M ABDICATING FOR ETERNITY!!
ABDICATING FOR ETERNITY


YOU'RE GOING AGAINST ME ...?
THAT LITTLE YOU ....

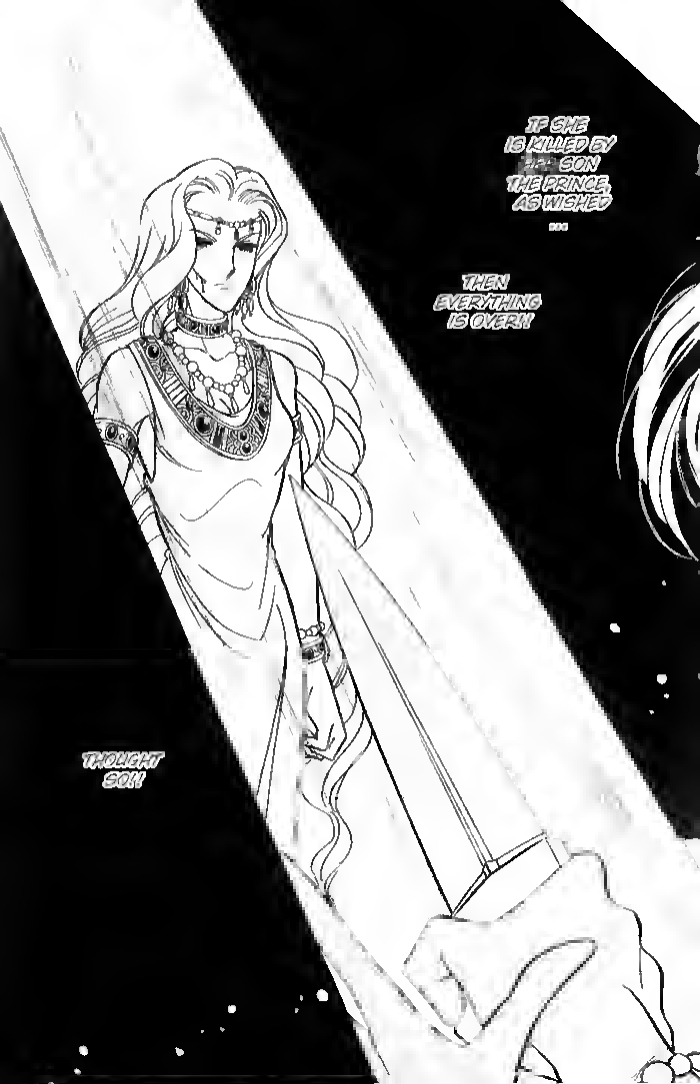



IT'S EXACTLY AS YOU SAY
JUDA
I'VE COME TO LIVE FOR THE HOPE THAT MY BLOODLINE WILL CONTINUE AS EMPEROR
AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, YOU CAN'T STOP ME
EMPRESS DOWAGER!


IF YOU WANT TO STOP ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO KILL ME YOURSELF
JUDA

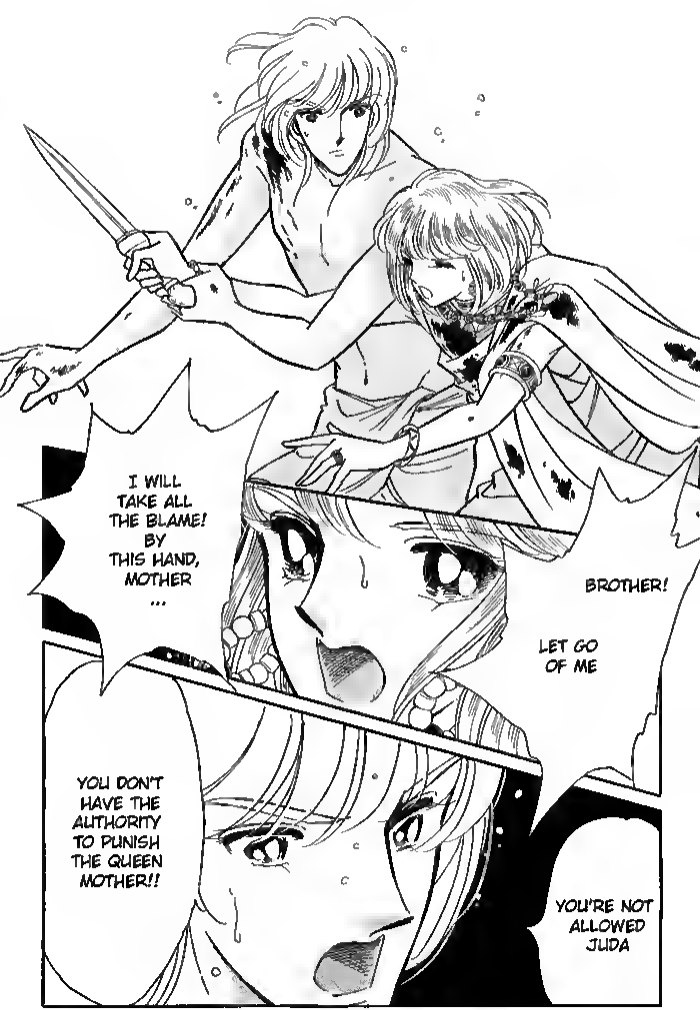
MOTHER!!
JUDA, YOUR HIGHNESS!!

UNTIL NOW I'VE WISH FOR NAKIA'S DEATH SO MANY TIMES
IF SHE'D DIED MANY TIMES OVER, I WOULDN'T FEEL ANY SYMPATH

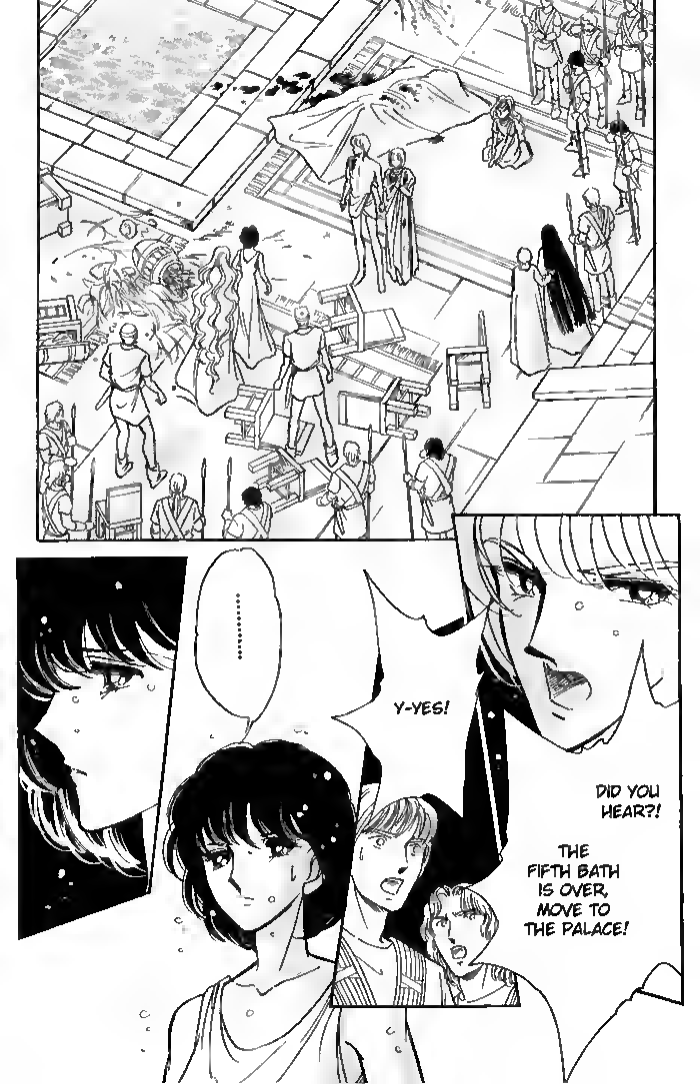

IF SHE IS KILLED BY HER SON THE PRINCE, AS WISHED ...
THEN EVERYTHING IS OVER!!
THOUGHT SO!!

BUT
EVEN SO!!

YURI-
SAMA!!


I WILL TAKE ALL THE BLAME! BY THIS HAND, MOTHER ...
BROTHER!
LET GO OF ME
YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PUNISH THE QUEEN MOTHER!!
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED JUDA

BROTHER ...!!
THE ONES WHO DECIDE THE IMPORTANT MATTERS OF THE EMPIRE IS THE SENATE ...
CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE SENATE!!
TAKE THE QUEEN MOTHER TO THE PLACE!!
AND THE TABARUNA AND TAWANANNA THREE GIVE CONSENT!!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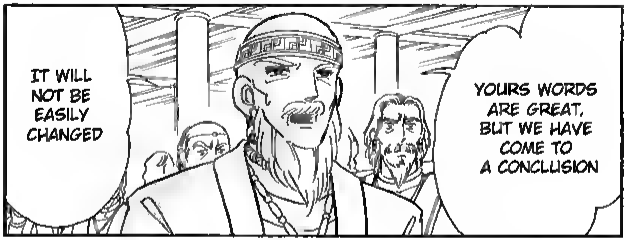
Y-YES!
DID YOU HEAR?!
THE FIFTH BATH IS OVER, MOVE TO THE PALACE!

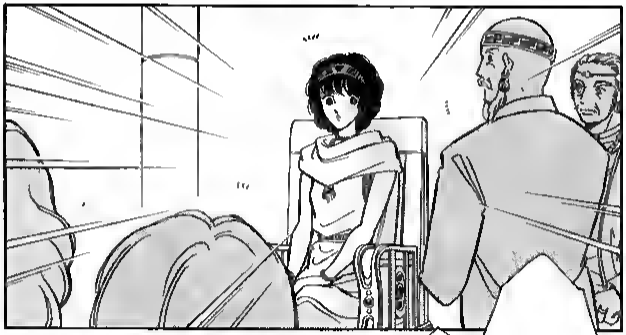
WE ANNOUNCE THE FINAL DECISION OF THE ENTIRE SENATE
FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF THE PREVIOUS TAWANANNA, EMPRESS DOWAGER NAKIA

THE SENATE WISHES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
FOR CONSIDERATION BY HIS MAJESTY, WE PROPOSE CONSUMPTION OF POISON AS THE METHOD OF ENFORCEMENT
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ...! THE DEATH PENALTY!!
WELL, IT'S SUITABLE, ISN'T IT
THE POSITION OF TAWANANNA IS VACANT RIGHT NOW, SO THE TABARUNA AND SENATE MUST DECIDE THE PUNISHMENT ...
KAIL'S OPINION IS ...?!
I

I WISH FOR THE QUEEN MOTHER TO BE EXILED
YOUR MAJESTY! THAT'S ...!!
CERTAINLY, THE QUEEN MOTHER'S CRIMES ARE WORTH MANY DEATH PENALTIES,
BUT ON AN EMOTIONAL LEVEL, THE QUEEN MOTHER IS ALREADY RECEIVING PUNISHMENT, SO I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM THAT
BESIDES
THE QUEEN MOTHER'S EXISTANCE WILL BE A REMINDER OF CAUTION
I DON'T THINK MY OWN REIGN WILL PASS WITH EASE


IT WILL NOT BE EASILY CHANGED
YOURS WORDS ARE GREAT, BUT WE HAVE COME TO A CONCLUSION

IT'S ONE TO ONE, THEY CAN'T DECIDE
WH... WHAT TO DO?



M...ME?!
I HAVE NO AUTHORITY ...

A THIRD OPINION IS NEEDED
YURI, YOUR ADVICE IS PERMITTED
YOU ARE ALREADY THE SAME AS TAWANANNA
PLEASE
THE THIRD OPINION AS TAWANANNA ...
OPINION AS TAWANANNA!!

I…I…

I ALSO
WANT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO LIVE AND ATONE FOR HER SINS

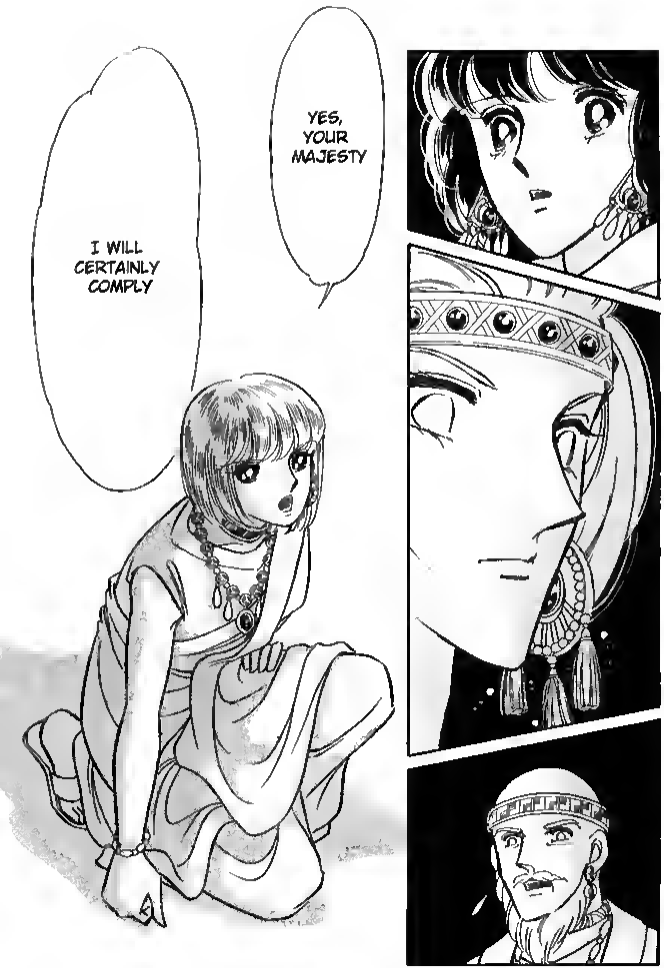
ISHTAR-SAMA?!
IT WAS EXPECTED THAT YOU ESPECIALLY WOULD WANT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER ...
CERTAINLY, I HAVE MANY REASONS TO WISH FOR THE DEATH OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER
SO THAT'S PRECISELY WHY I WANT THE EMPRESS DOWAGER TO SEE FOR HERSELF
I WANT TO BE A BETTER
NO, I WANT TO BE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TAWANANNA THAN YOU!!

I WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THAT
AND THAT WILL BE PUNISHMENT FOR THE EMPRESS DOWAGER!!

カタン
I WILL PRESENT THE QUEEN MOTHER HER PUNISHMENT

THE QUEEN MOTHER IS EXILED TO KARUKEMISHU, THE SOUTH EAST EDGE OF THE EMPIRE
HEREAFTER, ALL POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND LEAVING THE PLACE OF EXILE ARE PROHIBITED

Y... YES!!
...
JUDA HAS-PASPURI!
FUR-THER-MORE
ABOUT THE EMPTY POSITION OF KARU-KEMISHU'S GOVERNOR SINCE THE DEATH OF MARI PIASHUSHURI ...
YOU'RE RELIEVED OF YOUR CURRENT DUTY AS GOVERNOR OF KANESHU
AND TRANS-FERRED TO KARU-KEMISHU
JUDA, KARUKEMISHU IS AN IMPOR-TANT POINT ON THE BORDER OF THE NATION
GOVERN IT WITH YOUR HEART! KEEPING AN EYE ON THE QUEEN MOTHER IS ALSO PART OF YOUR DUTY!


YES, YOUR MAJESTY
I WILL CERTAINLY COMPLY

WITH THIS, THE MEETING IS CLOSED!!

EM-
PRESS
DOWA-
GER,
BECAUSE
I WON'T BE
SEEING YOU
ANYMORE,
I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO SAY
LET'S HEAR
ONE LAST
COMPLAINT
NO
...
I WANT
TO
EXPRESS
GRATITUDE
FOR
ONE THING

YES
GRATITUDE ...?

I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU BROUGHT ME TO THIS WORLD
THAT YOU PRESENTED ME WITH THIS WAY OF LIFE
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THERE ARE MANY THINGS, BUT ...

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH
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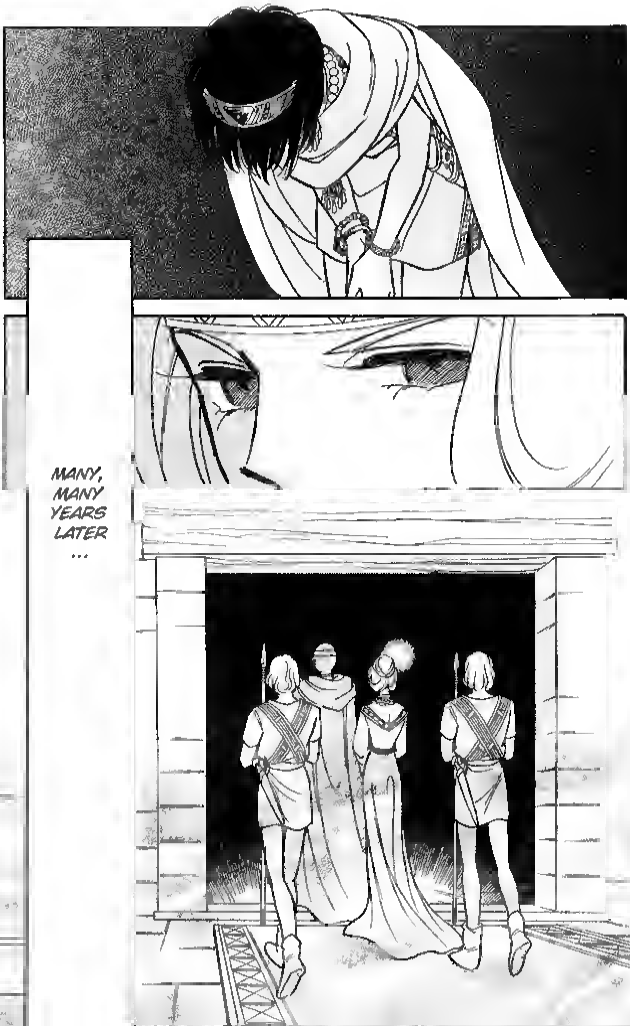
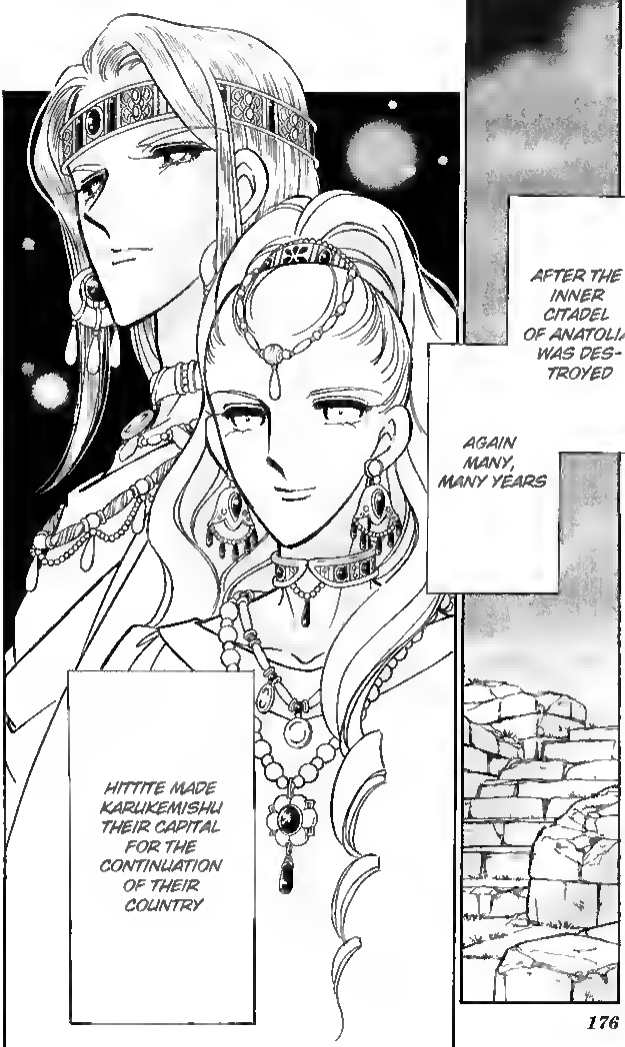
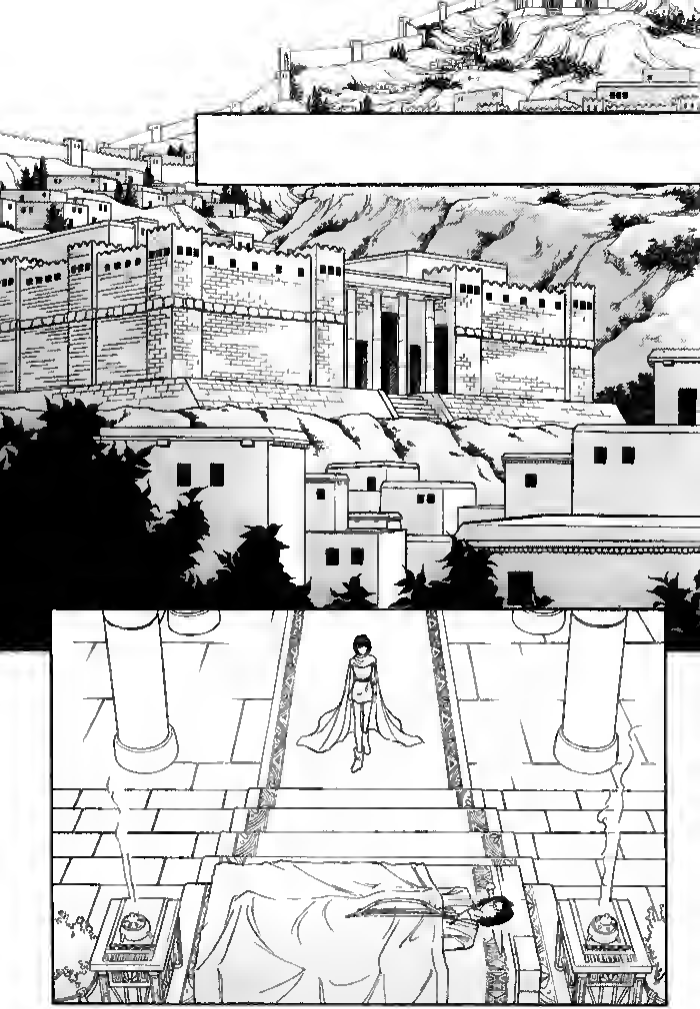

MANY, MANY YEARS LATER ...


AFTER THE INNER CITADEL OF ANATOLIA WAS DESTROYED
AGAIN MANY, MANY YEARS
HITTITE MADE KARUKEMISHU THEIR CAPITAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR COUNTRY



RUSAFA?
TOMORROW ... I BECOME KAIL'S EMPRESS
I DON'T HAVE ANY FEELINGS ABOUT IT, BUT
I WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO BE THE TAWANANNA YOU WISHED FOR
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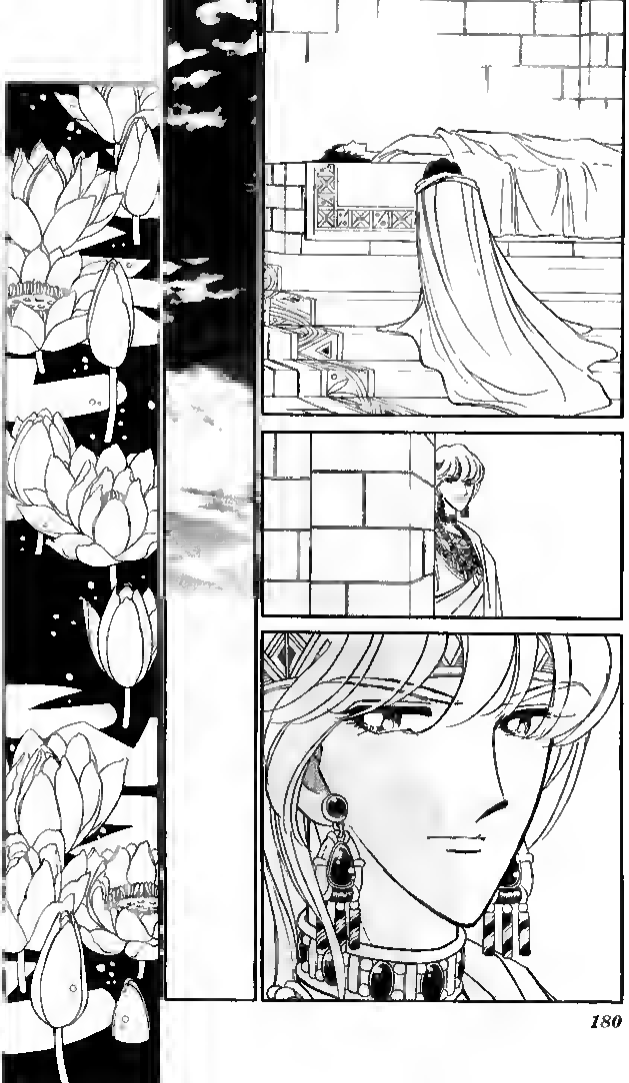

I'M GOING TO BECOME KAIL'S EMPRESS ...
I DON'T HAVE ANY TRUE FEELINGS ABOUT GETTING MARRIED, BUT
I'M GOING TO BECOME TAWANANNA ... EMPRESS OF THE ENTIRE NATION
I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ANY PERSONAL FEELINGS
YURI

KAIL?
WHAT IS IT ...?
WHAT?
ADVICE ABOUT TOMORROW WEDDING CEREMONY? I REMEMBER
YURI
I
I STILL HAVEN'T SAID SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO YOU

〈天は赤い河のほとり〉の巻＊おわり＊
THE SKY IS NEAR THE RED RIVER 27 "END"

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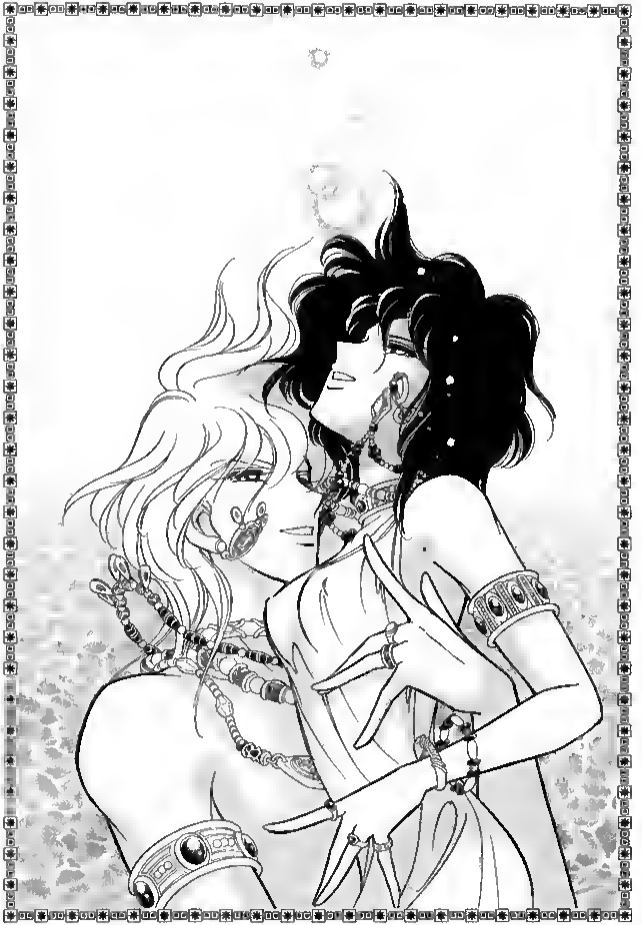

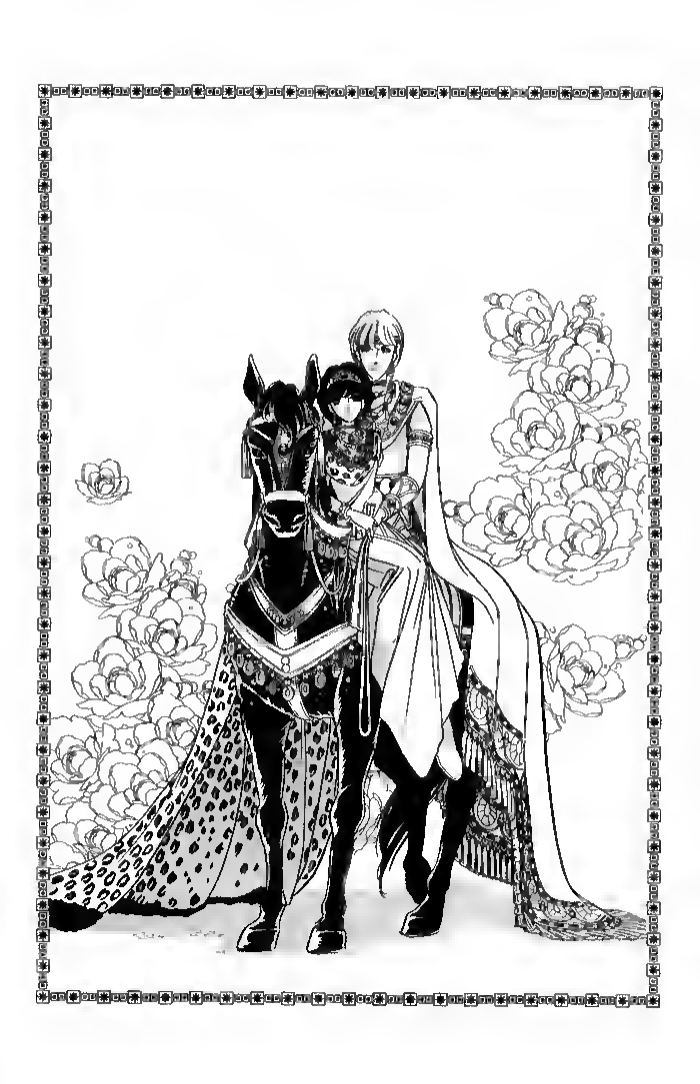

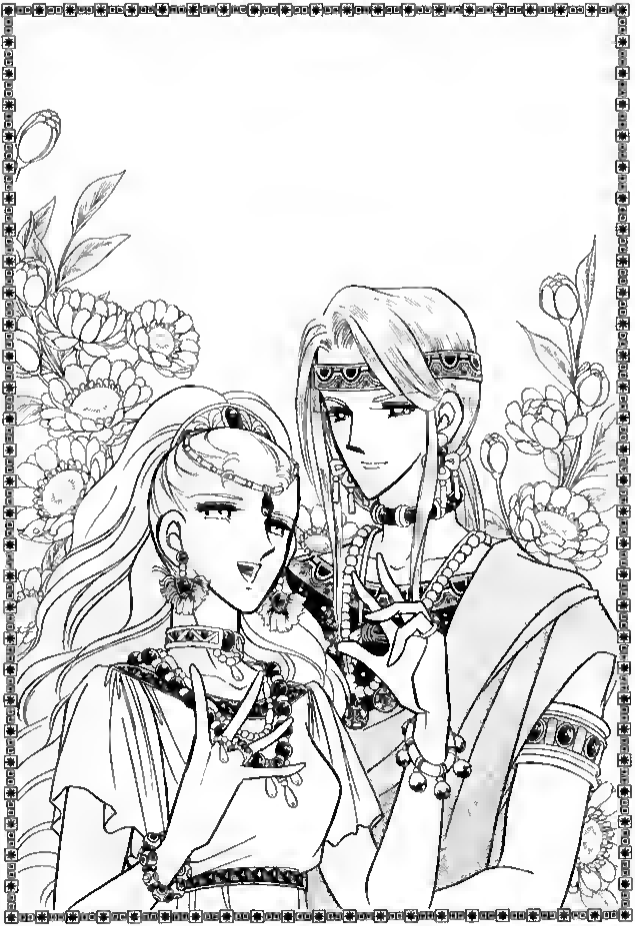

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